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The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF JUVENILE SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2018) (a) On July 1, 2018, the
- 2 Judicial Branch shall assume legal authority over any child, as defined
- 3 in section 46b-120 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, who
- 4 is committed to the Department of Children and Families as a
- 5 delinquent child, as described in subdivision (4) of section 46b-120 of
- 6 the general statutes, as amended by this act, as of June 30, 2018,
- 7 pursuant to an order of the superior court for juvenile matters entered
- 8 prior to July 1, 2018. Notwithstanding any provision of the general
- 9 statutes or regulations adopted thereunder or any public or special act,
- 10 the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall
- 11 thereupon assume the responsibility for the supervision of each such
- 12 child, and may exercise such powers, duties and functions regarding
- each such child as set forth in chapter 815t of the general statutes.

(b) Until further order of the court pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, any such child described in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to be on probation pursuant to section 46b-140 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for a maximum period not to exceed the period remaining under the delinquency commitment to the Commissioner of Children and Families as of June 30, 2018, and the conditions of parole supervision that the child was subject to on that date shall become interim conditions of probation supervision.

- (c) Not later than October 1, 2018, the superior court for juvenile matters shall conduct an in-court review to determine whether the interim conditions of probation supervision shall continue or be modified for the remainder of the period of probation supervision. The court shall give notice to any identified victim of the time and date of any such in-court review. Following the in-court review, the court may order that the interim conditions of probation supervision remain in effect without modification until the end of the period of probation supervision or it may modify such conditions for good cause shown pursuant to section 46b-140a of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, such period of probation shall not extend beyond the period remaining under the commitment to the Commissioner of Children and Families as of June 30, 2018.
- Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) The Chief Court Administrator, or his or her designee, shall act as administrator of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles under section 46b-151h of the general statutes.
- Sec. 3. Section 4b-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- As used in this section, section 4b-1 and sections 4b-56 to 4b-59, inclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- 43 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Administrative 44 Services;

(2) "Consultant" means (A) any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, land surveyor, accountant, interior designer, environmental professional or construction administrator, who is registered or licensed to practice such person's profession in accordance with the applicable provisions of the general statutes, or (B) any planner or financial specialist;

- (3) "Consultant services" includes those professional services rendered by architects, professional engineers, landscape architects, land surveyors, accountants, interior designers, environmental professionals, construction administrators, planners or financial specialists, as well as incidental services that members of these professions and those in their employ are authorized to perform;
- (4) "Firm" means any individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, association or other legal entity (A) authorized by law to practice the profession of architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, land surveying, accounting, interior design, environmental or construction administration, or (B) practicing the profession of planning or financial specialization;
- (5) "Priority higher education facility project" means any project which is part of a state program to repair, renovate, enlarge, equip, purchase or construct (A) instructional facilities, (B) academic core facilities, including library, research and laboratory facilities, (C) student residential or related student dining facilities, or (D) utility systems related to such projects, which are or will be operated under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of any constituent unit of the state system of higher education, except The University of Connecticut provided the project is included in the comprehensive facilities master plan of the constituent unit in the most recent state facility plan of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section 4b-23;
- 74 (6) "Project" means any state program requiring consultant services 75 if the cost of such services is estimated to exceed five hundred 76 thousand dollars;

(7) "Selection panel" or "panel" means the State Construction 77 78 Services Selection Panel established pursuant to subsection (a) of 79 section 4b-56 or, in the case of a Connecticut Health and Education 80 Facilities Authority project pursuant to section 10a-186a, means the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority Construction 82 Services Panel established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4b-56;

- (8) "User agency" means the state department or agency requesting the project or the agency for which such project is being undertaken pursuant to law;
- (9) "Community court project" means (A) any project to renovate and improve a facility designated for the community court established pursuant to section 51-181c, and (B) the renovation and improvement of other state facilities required for the relocation of any state agency resulting from the placement of the community court;
- [(10) "Connecticut Juvenile Training School project" means a project (A) to develop on a designated site new facilities for a Connecticut Juvenile Training School in Middletown including, but not limited to, feasibility study designing, preparing for, constructing, reconstructing, improving or equipping said facility for use by the Department of Children and Families, which is an emergency project because there is an immediate need for completion of said project to remedy overcrowding at Long Lane School; said school shall have an annual average daily population of not more than two hundred forty residents; or (B) to develop a separate facility for girls including, but not limited to, acquiring of land or buildings, designing, constructing, reconstructing, improving or equipping said facility for use by the Department of Children and Families;
- [(11)] (10) "Downtown Hartford higher education center project" means a project to develop a higher education center, as defined in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of section 32-600, and as described in subsection (a) of section 32-612, for the regional communitytechnical college system;

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[(12)] (11) "Correctional facility project" means any project (A) which is part of a state program to repair, renovate, enlarge or construct facilities which are or will be operated by the Department of Correction, and (B) for which there is an immediate need for completion in order to remedy prison and jail overcrowding; and

- [(13)] (12) "Juvenile detention center project" means any project (A) which is part of a state program to repair, renovate, enlarge or construct juvenile detention centers which are or will be operated by the Judicial Department, and (B) for which there is an immediate need for completion in order to remedy overcrowding.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 4b-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):
 - (a) (1) Except in the case of a project, a priority higher education facility project, a project, as defined in subdivision (16) of section 10a-109c, undertaken by The University of Connecticut, a community court project, a correctional facility project, a juvenile detention center project, and the downtown Hartford higher education center project, the commissioner shall negotiate a contract for consultant services with the firm most qualified, in the commissioner's judgment, at compensation which the commissioner determines is both fair and reasonable to the state. (2) In the case of a project, the commissioner shall negotiate a contract for such services with the most qualified firm from among the list of firms submitted by the panel at compensation which the commissioner determines in writing to be fair and reasonable to the state. If the commissioner is unable to conclude a contract with any of the firms recommended by the panel, the commissioner shall, after issuing written findings of fact documenting the reasons for such inability, negotiate with those firms which the commissioner determines to be most qualified, at fair and reasonable compensation, to render the particular consultant services under consideration. (3) Whenever consultant services are required for a priority higher education facility project, a project involving the

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142 construction, repair or alteration of a building or premises under the 143 supervision of the Office of the Chief Court Administrator or property 144 where the Judicial Department is the primary occupant, a community 145 court project, a correctional facility project, a juvenile detention center 146 project, or the downtown Hartford higher education center project, the 147 commissioner shall select and interview at least three consultants or 148 firms and shall negotiate a contract for consultant services with the 149 firm most qualified, in the commissioner's judgment, at compensation 150 which the commissioner determines is both fair and reasonable to the 151 state. [, except that if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the 152 Connecticut Juvenile Training School project needs to be expedited in 153 order to meet the needs of the Department of Children and Families, 154 the commissioner may waive such selection requirement.] Except for 155 the downtown Hartford higher education center project, the 156 commissioner shall notify the State Properties Review Board of the 157 commissioner's action not later than five business days after such 158 action for its approval or disapproval in accordance with subsection (i) 159 of section 4b-23, except that if, not later than fifteen days after such 160 notice, a decision has not been made, the board shall be deemed to 161 have approved such contract.

- Sec. 5. Subsection (l) of section 10-233d of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 165 (l) (1) Any student who commits an expellable offense and is subsequently [committed to] placed in a juvenile detention center [, the 166 167 Connecticut Juvenile Training School] or any other residential 168 placement for such offense may be expelled by a local or regional 169 board of education in accordance with the provisions of this section. 170 The period of expulsion shall run concurrently with the period of 171 [commitment to] placement in a juvenile detention center [, the 172 Connecticut Juvenile Training School or any] or other residential 173 placement.
- 174 (2) If a student who committed an expellable offense seeks to return

175 to a school district after participating in a diversionary program or 176 having been [detained] placed in a juvenile detention center [, the 177 Connecticut Juvenile Training School] or any other residential placement and such student has not been expelled by the local or 178 179 regional board of education for such offense under subdivision (1) of 180 this subsection, the local or regional board of education for the school 181 district to which the student is returning shall allow such student to 182 return and may not expel the student for additional time for such 183 offense.

- Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 10-233k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):
- 187 (b) The Department of Children and Families and the Judicial 188 Department or the local or regional board of education shall provide to 189 the superintendent of schools any educational records within their 190 custody of a child seeking to enter or return to a school district from a 191 juvenile detention center [, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School,] 192 or any other residential placement [,] prior to the child's entry or 193 return. The agencies shall also require any contracting entity that holds 194 custody of such records to provide them to the superintendent of 195 schools prior to the child's entry or return. Receipt of the educational 196 records shall not delay a child from enrolling in school. The 197 superintendent of schools shall provide such information to the 198 principal at the school the child will be attending. The principal shall 199 disclose such information to appropriate staff as is necessary to the 200 education or care of the child.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 12-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):
- 204 (a) Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, on or before 205 January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 206 Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in lieu of 207 taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned real property,

reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian tribe, a 208 209 municipally owned airport, or any airport owned by the Connecticut 210 Airport Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, except 211 that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not 212 excepting property acquired and used for highway administration or 213 maintenance purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town 214 under the provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing 215 July 1, 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of 216 (1) (A) one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have 217 been paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner 218 of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a 219 correctional facility administered under the auspices of the 220 Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center under 221 direction of the [Department of Children and Families] Court Support 222 <u>Services Division of the Judicial Branch</u> that was used for incarcerative 223 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name 224 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning 225 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year 226 is not available from the Secretary of the State on the first day of 227 August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said first day of 228 August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 229 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per 230 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to 231 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of 232 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent 233 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of 234 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating 235 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John 236 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the state fiscal 237 year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, one 238 hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid 239 on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and 240 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket 241 Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject to the 242 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, sixty-five per cent of the

property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is stateowned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to such state-owned property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all other state-owned real property, (5) forty-five per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all municipally owned airports or any airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, except for the exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such town for the assessment date two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable. The grant provided pursuant to this section for any municipally owned airport or any airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, shall be paid to any municipality in which the airport is located, except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be paid half to the town of Stratford and half to the city of Bridgeport, and (6) forty-five per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8, 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided (A) the real property subject to this subdivision shall be the land only, and shall not include the assessed value of any structures, buildings or other improvements on such land, and (B) said forty-five per cent grant shall be phased in as follows: (i) In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, an amount equal to ten per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (ii) in

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278 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, thirty-five per cent of said

- 279 forty-five per cent grant, (iii) in the fiscal year commencing July 1,
- 280 2014, sixty per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (iv) in the fiscal
- year commencing July 1, 2015, eighty-five per cent of said forty-five
- per cent grant, and (v) in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, one
- 283 hundred per cent of said forty-five per cent grant.
- Sec. 8. Subdivision (6) of section 17a-1 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 286 1, 2018):
- 287 (6) "Youth" means [a youth, as defined in section 46b-120] any
- 288 person sixteen or seventeen years of age who has not been legally
- 289 emancipated;
- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 17a-3 of the 2018 supplement to the
- 291 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 292 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 293 (a) The department shall plan, create, develop, operate or arrange
- 294 for, administer and evaluate a comprehensive and integrated state-
- wide program of services, including preventive services, for children
- and youths whose behavior does not conform to the law or to
- acceptable community standards, or who are mentally ill, including
- 298 deaf and hard of hearing children and youths who are mentally ill,
- emotionally disturbed, substance abusers, [delinquent,] abused, neglected or uncared for, including all children and youths who are or
- may be committed to it by any court, and all children and youths
- 302 voluntarily admitted to, or remaining voluntarily under the
- 303 supervision of, the commissioner for services of any kind. Services
- 304 shall not be denied to any such child or youth solely because of other
- 305 complicating or multiple disabilities. The department shall work in
- 306 cooperation with other child-serving agencies and organizations to
- 307 provide or arrange for preventive programs, including, but not limited
- 308 to, teenage pregnancy and youth suicide prevention, for children and
- 309 youths and their families. The program shall provide services and
- 310 placements that are clinically indicated and appropriate to the needs of

the child or youth. [, except that such services and placements shall not commence or continue for a delinquent child who has attained the age of twenty.] In furtherance of this purpose, the department shall: (1) [Maintain the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and other appropriate facilities exclusively for delinquents; (2) develop Develop a comprehensive program for prevention of problems of children and youths and provide a flexible, innovative and effective program for the placement, care and treatment of children and youths committed by any court to the department, transferred to the department by other departments, or voluntarily admitted to the department; [(3)] (2) provide appropriate services to families of children and youths as needed to achieve the purposes of sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-51; [(4)] (3) establish incentive paid work programs for children and youths under the care of the department and the rates to be paid such children and youths for work done in such programs and may provide allowances to children and youths in the custody of the department; [(5)] (4) be responsible to collect, interpret and publish statistics relating to children and youths within the department; [(6)] (5) conduct studies of any program, service or facility developed, operated, contracted for or supported by the department in order to evaluate its effectiveness; [(7)] (6) establish staff development and other training and educational programs designed to improve the quality of departmental services and programs, which shall include, but not be limited to, training in the prevention, identification and effects of family violence, provided no social worker trainee shall be assigned a case load prior to completing training, and may establish educational or training programs for children, youths, parents or other interested persons on any matter related to the promotion of the wellbeing of children, or the prevention of mental illness, emotional disturbance [, delinquency] and other disabilities in children and youths; [(8)] (7) develop and implement aftercare and follow-up services appropriate to the needs of any child or youth under the care of the department; [(9)] (8) establish a case audit unit to monitor each regional office's compliance with regulations and procedures; [(10)] (9)

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develop and maintain a database listing available community service programs funded by the department; [(11)] (10) provide outreach and assistance to persons caring for children whose parents are unable to do so by informing such persons of programs and benefits for which they may be eligible; and [(12)] (11) collect data sufficient to identify the housing needs of children served by the department and share such data with the Department of Housing.

Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 17a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):

(a) There shall be a State Advisory Council on Children and Families which shall consist of nineteen members as follows: (1) Thirteen members appointed by the Governor, including two persons who are child care professionals, two persons eighteen to twenty-five years of age, inclusive, served by the Department of Children and Families, one child psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this state and one attorney who has expertise in legal issues related to children and youth and seven persons who shall be representative of young persons, parents and others interested in the delivery of services to children and youths, including child protection, behavioral health [, juvenile justice] and prevention services, at least four of whom shall be parents, foster parents or family members of children who have received, or are receiving, behavioral health services [,] or child welfare services; [or juvenile services;] and (2) six members representing the regional advisory councils established pursuant to section 17a-30, appointed one each by the members of each council. On and after October 1, 2014, no more than half the members of the council shall be persons who receive income from a private practice or any public or private agency that delivers mental health, substance abuse, child abuse prevention and treatment [,] or child welfare services. [or juvenile services.] Members of the council shall serve without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Department of Children and Families shall provide the council with funding to facilitate the participation of

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380 those members representing families and youth, as well as for other 381 administrative support services. Members shall serve on the council 382 for terms of two years each and no member shall serve for more than 383 three consecutive terms. The commissioner shall be an ex-officio 384 member of the council without vote and shall attend its meetings. Any 385 member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent 386 of all meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to 387 388 act in the chairperson's absence.

- Sec. 11. Section 17a-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall:
- 392 (a) Establish or contract for the use of a variety of facilities and 393 services for identification, evaluation, discipline, rehabilitation, 394 aftercare, treatment and care of children and youths in need of the 395 department's services;
- 396 (b) Administer in a coordinated and integrated manner all 397 institutions and facilities which are or may come under the jurisdiction 398 of the department and shall appoint advisory groups for any such 399 institution or facility;
- (c) Encourage the development of programs and the establishment of facilities for children and youths by public or private agencies and groups;
- (d) Enter into cooperative arrangements with public or private agencies outside the state;
- (e) Insure that all children under the commissioner's supervision have adequate food, clothing, shelter and adequate medical, dental, psychiatric, psychological, social, religious and other services;
- 408 (f) Provide, in the commissioner's discretion, needed service to any 409 municipality, agency, or person, whether or not such person is

- 410 committed to the commissioner;
- 411 (g) Adopt and enforce regulations and establish rules for the
- 412 internal operation and administration of the department in accordance
- 413 with chapter 54;
- 414 (h) Undertake, contract for or otherwise stimulate research
- 415 concerning children and youths;
- 416 (i) Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, appoint such professional,
- 417 technical and other personnel as may be necessary for the efficient
- 418 operation of the department;
- (j) Coordinate the activities of the department with those of other
- 420 state departments, municipalities and private agencies concerned with
- 421 providing services for children and youths and their families;
- 422 [(k) Act as administrator of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles
- 423 under section 46b-151h;]
- 424 [(l)] (k) Provide or arrange for the provision of suitable education
- for every child under the commissioner's supervision, either in public
- 426 schools, special educational programs, private schools, educational
- programs within the institutions or facilities under the commissioner's
- 428 jurisdiction, or work and training programs otherwise provided by
- 429 law. The suitability of educational programs provided by the
- 430 commissioner shall be subject to review by the Department of
- 431 Education;
- [(m)] (l) Submit to the state advisory council for its comment
- 433 proposals for new policies or programs and the proposed budget for
- 434 the department;
- 435 [(n)] (m) Have any and all other powers and duties as are necessary
- 436 to administer the department and implement the purposes of sections
- 437 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and 17a-28 to 17a-49,
- 438 inclusive, as amended by this act; and

[(o)] (n) Conduct and render a final decision in administrative hearings. [; and]

- [(p) Provide programs for juvenile offenders that are gender specific in that they comprehensively address the unique needs of a targeted gender group.]
- Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 17a-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):
 - (b) A child or youth voluntarily admitted to the department shall be deemed to be within the care of the commissioner until such admission is terminated. The commissioner shall terminate the admission of any child or youth voluntarily admitted to the department within ten days after receipt of a written request for termination from a parent or guardian of any child under fourteen years of age or from a child if such child is fourteen years of age or older, or youth, unless prior to the expiration of that time the commissioner has sought and received from the Superior Court an order of temporary custody as provided by law. Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, the commissioner may terminate the admission of any child or youth voluntarily admitted to the department after (1) giving reasonable notice in writing to (A) the parent or guardian of any child or youth, and (B) the child, if such child is fourteen years of age or older, or youth, and (2) if the commissioner has previously petitioned the Probate Court pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, providing notice to the Probate Court of such petition. Any child or youth admitted voluntarily to the department may be placed in, or transferred to, any resource, facility or institution within the department or available to the commissioner, [except the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, provided the commissioner shall give written notice to such child or youth and to the parent or guardian of the child of the commissioner's intention to make a transfer at least ten days prior to any actual transfer, unless written notice is waived by those entitled to receive it, or unless an emergency commitment of

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such child or youth is made pursuant to section 17a-502. Any child or youth admitted voluntarily to the department may be transferred to the supervision of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the Department of Developmental Services, in collaboration with the commissioner of the department to which the child is transferred. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall provide written notice of his or her intention to make a transfer at least ten days prior to any actual transfer to a child fourteen years of age or older, or youth, and to the parent or guardian of the child or youth being transferred. If the department has previously filed a petition with the Probate Court under subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall provide notice of such petition to the court. The Commissioner of Children and Families may continue to provide services to the child or youth in collaboration with the department to which the child or youth has been transferred or may terminate the voluntary services if, in the commissioner's discretion, the department to which the child or youth has been transferred provides adequate services. The commissioner shall provide written notice of his or her intention to terminate services following a transfer to another department to a child fourteen years of age or older, or youth, and to the parent or guardian of such child or youth. If the department has previously filed a petition with the Probate Court under subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall provide notice of such petition to the court.

- Sec. 13. Section 17a-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- (a) When the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, determines that a change of program is in the best interest of any child or youth committed or transferred to the department, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may transfer such person to any appropriate resource or program administered by or available to the department, to any other state department or agency, or to any private agency or organization within or without the state under contract with the department. [; provided no child or youth

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voluntarily admitted to the department under section 17a-11 shall be placed or subsequently transferred to the Connecticut Juvenile Training School; and further provided no transfer shall be made to any institution, hospital or facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction, except as authorized by section 18-87, unless it is so ordered by the Superior Court after a hearing. When, in the opinion of the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, a person fourteen years of age or older is dangerous to himself or herself or others or cannot be safely held at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, if a male, or at any other facility within the state available to the Commissioner of Children and Families, the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may request an immediate hearing before the Superior Court on the docket for juvenile matters where such person was originally committed to determine whether such person shall be transferred to the John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire, if a male, or the York Correctional Institution, if a female. The court shall, within three days of the hearing, make such determination. If the court orders such transfer, the transfer shall be reviewed by the court every six months thereafter to determine whether it should be continued or terminated, unless the commissioner has already exercised the powers granted to the commissioner under section 17a-13 by removing such person from the John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire or the York Correctional Institution. Such transfer shall terminate upon the expiration of the commitment in such juvenile matter.]

(b) [Any delinquent child, if a male, may be placed at any time in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.] The commissioner may transfer any child or youth committed to the commissioner to any institution, hospital or facility for mentally ill children under the commissioner's jurisdiction for a period not to exceed fifteen days if the need for such emergency treatment is certified by a psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine by the state.

Sec. 14. Section 17a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

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540 (a) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility at 541 Connecticut Valley Hospital in the city of Middletown shall be the 542 Albert J. Solnit Children's Center - South Campus.

- [(b) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility in the city of Middletown shall be the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.]
- 546 [(c)] (b) The name of the Department of Children and Families 547 facility in the town of East Windsor shall be the Albert J. Solnit 548 Children's Center - North Campus.
- [(d)] (c) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility in the town of Hartland shall be the Wilderness School.
- Sec. 15. Section 17a-185 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
 - Any officer of the state police or of an organized municipal police department may transport, with the sole written consent of the person transported, any person over sixteen years of age and less than eighteen years of age who appears to be away from home without permission of such person's parents or guardian or who appears to be suffering from lack of food, shelter or medical care to any public or private facility, provided institutions of the Department of Correction [, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School] and local police detention facilities shall not be used for such purpose. The person or organization to whom such person is transported shall, if practicable, inform such person's parent or guardian of such person's whereabouts within twelve hours. Such procedure shall be civil in nature, shall not constitute an arrest and shall be made solely for the purpose of safeguarding the interests and welfare of such person.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 22a-1f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 569 1, 2018):
- 570 (b) Environmental impact evaluations shall not be required for [the

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571 Connecticut Juvenile Training School project, as defined in section 4b-

- 572 55, and] the extension of [such] the project otherwise known as the
- 573 Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer Project, or a project, as defined in
- 574 subdivision (16) of section 10a-109c, which involves the conversion of
- an existing structure for educational rather than office or commercial
- 576 use.
- Sec. 17. Section 46b-120 of the 2018 supplement to the general
- 578 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 579 (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- The terms used in this chapter shall, in its interpretation and in the
- interpretation of other statutes, be defined as follows:
- (1) "Child" means any person under eighteen years of age who has
- 583 not been legally emancipated, except that (A) for purposes of
- delinquency matters and proceedings, "child" means any person who
- (i) is at least seven years of age at the time of the alleged commission of
- a delinquent act and who is (I) under eighteen years of age and has not
- been legally emancipated, or (II) eighteen years of age or older and
- 588 committed a delinquent act prior to attaining eighteen years of age, or
- 589 (ii) is subsequent to attaining eighteen years of age, (I) violates any
- order of the Superior Court or any condition of probation ordered by
- 591 the Superior Court with respect to a delinquency proceeding, or (II)
- 592 wilfully fails to appear in response to a summons under section 46b-
- 593 133, as amended by this act, or at any other court hearing in a
- 594 delinquency proceeding of which the child had notice, and (B) for
- 595 purposes of family with service needs matters and proceedings, child
- 596 means a person who is at least seven years of age and is under
- 597 eighteen years of age;
- [(2) "Youth" means any person sixteen or seventeen years of age
- 599 who has not been legally emancipated;
- 600 (3) A child may be found "mentally deficient" who, by reason of a
- deficiency of intelligence that has existed from birth or from early age,
- 602 requires, or will require, for such child's protection or for the

protection of others, special care, supervision and control;]

[(4)] (2) (A) A child may be [convicted] <u>adjudicated</u> as "delinquent" who has, while under sixteen years of age, (i) violated any federal or state law, except section 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-222, 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, or violated a municipal or local ordinance, except an ordinance regulating behavior of a child in a family with service needs, (ii) wilfully failed to appear in response to a summons under section 46b-133, as amended by this act, or at any other court hearing in a delinquency proceeding of which the child had notice, (iii) violated any order of the Superior Court in a delinquency proceeding, except as provided in section 46b-148, or (iv) violated conditions of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential placement in a delinquency proceeding as ordered by the court;

(B) A child may be [convicted] <u>adjudicated</u> as "delinquent" who has (i) while sixteen or seventeen years of age, violated any federal or state law, other than (I) an infraction, except an infraction under subsection (d) of section 21a-267, (II) a violation, except a violation under subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, (III) a motor vehicle offense or violation under title 14, (IV) a violation of a municipal or local ordinance, or (V) a violation of section 51-164r, 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-222, 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, (ii) while sixteen years of age or older, wilfully failed to appear in response to a summons under section 46b-133, as amended by this act, or at any other court hearing in a delinquency proceeding of which the child had notice, (iii) while sixteen years of age or older, violated any order of the Superior Court in a delinquency proceeding, except as provided in section 46b-148, or (iv) while sixteen years of age or older, violated conditions of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential placement in a delinquency proceeding as ordered by the court;

[(5)] (3) "Family with service needs" means a family that includes a child who is at least seven years of age and is under eighteen years of age who (A) has without just cause run away from the parental home or other properly authorized and lawful place of abode, (B) is beyond

the control of the child's [or youth's] parent, parents, guardian or other custodian, (C) has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct, or (D) is thirteen years of age or older and has engaged in sexual intercourse with another person and such other person is thirteen years of age or older and not more than two years older or younger than such child;

- [(6)] (4) A child [or youth] may be found "neglected" who, for reasons other than being impoverished, (A) has been abandoned, (B) is being denied proper care and attention, physically, educationally, emotionally or morally, or (C) is being permitted to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to the well-being of the child; [or youth;]
- [(7)] (5) A child [or youth] may be found "abused" who (A) has been inflicted with physical injury or injuries other than by accidental means, (B) has injuries that are at variance with the history given of them, or (C) is in a condition that is the result of maltreatment, including, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment;
 - [(8)] (6) A child [or youth] may be found "uncared for" (A) who is homeless, (B) whose home cannot provide the specialized care that the physical, emotional or mental condition of the child [or youth] requires, or (C) who has been identified as a victim of trafficking, as defined in section 46a-170. For the purposes of this section, the treatment of any child [or youth] by an accredited Christian Science practitioner, in lieu of treatment by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, shall not of itself constitute neglect or maltreatment;
 - [(9)] (7) "Delinquent act" means (A) the violation by a child under the age of sixteen of any federal or state law, except the violation of section 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-222, 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, or the violation of a municipal or local ordinance, except an ordinance regulating behavior of a child in a family with service needs, (B) the violation by a child sixteen or seventeen years of age of any federal or state law, other than (i) an infraction, except an infraction under

subsection (d) of section 21a-267, (ii) a violation, except a violation under subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, (iii) a motor vehicle offense or violation under title 14, (iv) the violation of a municipal or local ordinance, or (v) the violation of section 51-164r, 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-222, 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, (C) the wilful failure of a child, including a child who has attained the age of eighteen, to appear in response to a summons under section 46b-133, as amended by this act, or at any other court hearing in a delinquency proceeding of which the child has notice, (D) the violation of any order of the Superior Court in a delinquency proceeding by a child, including a child who has attained the age of eighteen, except as provided in section 46b-148, or (E) the violation of conditions of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential placement in a delinquency proceeding by a child, including a child who has attained the age of eighteen, as ordered by the court;

[(10)] (8) "Serious juvenile offense" means (A) the violation of, including attempt or conspiracy to violate, section 21a-277, 21a-278, 29-33, 29-34, 29-35, subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 53-21, 53-80a, 53-202b, 53-202c, 53-390 to 53-392, inclusive, 53a-54a to 53a-57, inclusive, 53a-59 to 53a-60c, inclusive, 53a-64aa, 53a-64bb, 53a-70 to 53a-71, inclusive, 53a-72b, 53a-86, 53a-92 to 53a-94a, inclusive, 53a-95, 53a-100aa, 53a-101, 53a-102a, 53a-103a or 53a-111 to 53a-113, inclusive, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-122, subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-123, section 53a-134, 53a-135, 53a-136a or 53a-167c, subsection (a) of section 53a-174, or section 53a-196a, 53a-211, 53a-212, 53a-216 or 53a-217b, or (B) running away, without just cause, from any secure placement other than home while referred as a delinquent child to the Court Support Services Division; [or committed as a delinquent child to the Commissioner of Children and Families for a serious juvenile offense;]

[(11)] (9) "Serious juvenile offender" means any child [convicted] adjudicated as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense;

[(12) "Serious juvenile repeat offender" means any child charged with the commission of any felony if such child has previously been convicted as delinquent or otherwise convicted at any age for two violations of any provision of title 21a, 29, 53 or 53a that is designated as a felony;]

- [(13)] (10) "Alcohol-dependent" means a psychoactive substance dependence on alcohol as that condition is defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders"; and
- [(14)] (11) "Drug-dependent" means a psychoactive substance dependence on drugs as that condition is defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders". No child shall be classified as drug-dependent who is dependent (A) upon a morphine-type substance as an incident to current medical treatment of a demonstrable physical disorder other than drug dependence, or (B) upon amphetamine-type, ataractic, barbiturate-type, hallucinogenic or other stimulant and depressant substances as an incident to current medical treatment of a demonstrable physical or psychological disorder, or both, other than drug dependence;
 - (12) "Pre-dispositional study" means a comprehensive written report prepared by a juvenile probation officer pursuant to section 46b-134, as amended by this act, regarding the child's social, medical, mental health, educational, risks and needs, and family history, as well as the events surrounding the offense to present a supported recommendation to the court;
 - (13) "Probation supervision" means a legal status whereby a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent is placed by the court under the supervision of juvenile probation for a specified period of time and upon such terms as the court determines;
- 732 (14) "Probation supervision with residential placement" means a legal status whereby a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent is

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- 735 specified period of time, upon such terms as the court determines, that
- 736 <u>include a period of placement in a secure or staff-secure residential</u>
- 737 treatment facility, as ordered by the court, and a period of supervision
- 738 <u>in the community;</u>
- 739 (15) "Risk and needs assessment" means a standardized tool that (A)
- 740 <u>assists juvenile probation officers in collecting and synthesizing</u>
- 741 <u>information about a child to estimate the child's risk of recidivating</u>
- 742 and identify other factors that, if treated and changed, can reduce the
- 743 child's likelihood of reoffending, and (B) provides a guide for
- 744 <u>intervention planning</u>;
- 745 (16) "Secure-residential facility" means a hardware-secured
- 746 <u>residential facility that includes direct staff supervision, surveillance</u>
- 747 enhancements and physical barriers that allow for close supervision
- 748 and controlled movement in a treatment setting; and
- 749 (17) "Staff-secure residential facility" means a residential facility that
- 750 provides residential treatment for children in a structured setting
- 751 where the children are monitored by staff.
- 752 Sec. 18. Subdivision (5) of section 46b-120 of the general statutes, as
- amended by section 146 of public act 17-2 of the June special session, is
- 754 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 755 1, 2019):
- 756 [(5)] (3) "Family with service needs" means a family that includes a
- 757 child who is at least seven years of age and is under eighteen years of
- 758 age who, according to a petition lawfully filed on or before June 30,
- 759 2019, (A) has without just cause run away from the parental home or
- other properly authorized and lawful place of abode, (B) is beyond the
- 761 control of the child's [or youth's] parent, parents, guardian or other
- custodian, (C) has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct, or (D) is
- 763 thirteen years of age or older and has engaged in sexual intercourse
- 764 with another person and such other person is thirteen years of age or
- older and not more than two years older or younger than such child;

766 [or youth.]

- Sec. 19. Section 46b-121 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
 - (a) (1) Juvenile matters in the civil session include all proceedings concerning uncared-for, neglected or abused children [and youths] within this state, termination of parental rights of children committed to a state agency, adoption proceedings pursuant to section 46b-129b, matters concerning families with service needs, contested matters involving termination of parental rights or removal of guardian transferred from the Probate Court and the emancipation of minors, but does not include matters of guardianship and adoption or matters affecting property rights of any child [or youth] over which the Probate Court has jurisdiction, except that appeals from probate concerning adoption, termination of parental rights and removal of a parent as guardian shall be included.
 - (2) (A) Juvenile matters in the criminal session include all proceedings concerning delinquent children within this state and persons eighteen years of age and older who are under the supervision of a juvenile probation officer while on probation [or a suspended commitment to the Department of Children and Families] supervision or probation supervision with residential placement, for purposes of enforcing any court orders entered as part of such probation. [or suspended commitment.]
 - (B) A juvenile who has been placed on probation supervision is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the court and may be subject to other reasonable court-ordered restrictions or conditions and required to participate in a variety of appropriate programmatic services.
 - (C) A juvenile who has been placed on probation supervision with residential placement is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the court and may be subject to other reasonable court-ordered restrictions or conditions and required to participate in a variety of appropriate programmatic services.

(b) (1) In juvenile matters, the Superior Court shall have authority to make and enforce such orders directed to parents, including any person who acknowledges before the court paternity of a child born out of wedlock, guardians, custodians or other adult persons owing some legal duty to a child therein, as the court deems necessary or appropriate to secure the welfare, protection, proper care and suitable support of a child subject to the court's jurisdiction or otherwise committed to or in the custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families. The Superior Court may order a local or regional board of education to provide to the court educational records of a child for the purpose of determining the need for services or placement of the child. In proceedings concerning a child charged with a delinquent act or with being from a family with service needs, records produced subject to such an order shall be maintained under seal by the court and shall be released only after a hearing or with the consent of the child. Educational records obtained pursuant to this section shall be used only for dispositional purposes. In addition, with respect to proceedings concerning delinquent children, the Superior Court shall have authority to make and enforce such orders as the court deems necessary or appropriate to provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment to such child in a manner consistent with public safety, deter the child from the commission of further delinquent acts, ensure that the child is responsive to the court process, ensure that the safety of any other person will not be endangered and provide restitution to any victim. The Superior Court shall also have authority to grant and enforce temporary and permanent injunctive relief in all proceedings concerning juvenile matters.

(2) If any order for the payment of money is issued by the Superior Court, including any order assessing costs issued under section 46b-134, as amended by this act, or 46b-136, the collection of such money shall be made by the court, except orders for support of children committed to any state agency or department, which orders shall be made payable to and collected by the Department of Administrative Services. If the Superior Court after due diligence is unable to collect such moneys within six months, the court shall refer such case to the

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833 Department of Administrative Services for collection as a delinquent 834 account. In juvenile matters, the Superior Court shall have authority to 835 make and enforce orders directed to persons liable hereunder on 836 petition of the Department of Administrative Services made to the 837 court in the same manner as is provided in section 17b-745, in 838 accordance with the provisions of section 17b-81 or 17b-223, subsection 839 (b) of section 17b-179 or section 17a-90, 46b-129 or 46b-130, and all of 840 the provisions of section 17b-745 shall be applicable to such 841 proceedings. [Any judge hearing a juvenile matter may make any 842 other order in connection therewith that a judge of the Superior Court 843 is authorized to grant and such order shall have the same force and 844 effect as any other order of the Superior Court. No commitment to the 845 Department of Children and Families may be ordered or continued for 846 delinquent child who has attained the age of twenty. 847 Notwithstanding the terms of any order in effect on October 1, 2011, 848 any commitment to the Department of Children and Families in a 849 delinquency proceeding pursuant to this chapter shall terminate not 850 later than the date the child attains the age of twenty.]

(3) In the enforcement of the court's orders, in connection with any juvenile matter, the court may issue process for the arrest of any person, compel attendance of witnesses and punish for contempt by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Sec. 20. Section 46b-121h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the juvenile justice system provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment in a manner consistent with public safety to those juveniles who violate the law. The juvenile justice system shall also promote prevention efforts through the support of programs and services designed to [meet the needs of juveniles charged with the commission of a delinquent act] prevent re-offending. The goals of the juvenile justice system shall be to:

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- 866 (1) Hold juveniles accountable for their unlawful behavior;
- 867 (2) Provide secure and therapeutic confinement to those juveniles 868 who present a danger to the community;
- 869 (3) Adequately protect the community and juveniles;
- 870 (4) Provide programs and services that are community-based and 871 [are provided] in close proximity to the juvenile's community;
- 872 (5) [Retain] <u>Maintain</u> and support juveniles within their homes 873 whenever possible and appropriate;
- 874 (6) Base probation [treatment] <u>case</u> planning upon individual [case management plans] <u>risks and needs;</u>
- (7) Include the juvenile's family in [the] case [management plan] planning;
- 878 (8) Provide supervision and service coordination where appropriate 879 and implement and monitor the case [management] plan in order to 880 discourage reoffending;
- 881 (9) Provide follow-up and [nonresidential postrelease] <u>community-</u> 882 <u>based</u> services to juveniles who are returned to their families or 883 communities;
- (10) Promote the development and implementation of communitybased programs [including, but not limited to, mental health services,] designed to prevent [unlawful behavior] <u>reoffending</u> and to effectively minimize the depth and duration of the juvenile's involvement in the juvenile justice system; and
- (11) Create and maintain programs for [juvenile offenders that are gender specific in that they comprehensively address the unique needs of a targeted gender group] juveniles that (A) are developmentally appropriate, trauma informed and gender responsive, and (B) incorporate restorative principles and practices.

Sec. 21. Section 46b-121k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

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(a) (1) The Judicial Branch shall develop [constructive programs for the prevention and reduction of delinquency and crime among juvenile offenders. To develop such programs, the executive director of the Court Support Services Division within the Judicial Branch shall cooperate with other agencies to encourage the establishment of new programs and to provide a continuum of services for juvenile offenders who do not require secure placement, including, but not limited to, juveniles classified pursuant to the risk assessment instrument described in section 46b-121i, as those who may be released with structured supervision and those who may be released without supervision. When appropriate, the Judicial Branch shall coordinate such programs with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services a continuum of community-based programs for the reduction of delinquency among juveniles. When appropriate, the Judicial Branch shall coordinate such programs with the Department of Children and Families, the State Department of Education, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services, and any other agencies as necessary.

[(2) The programs shall be tailored to the type of juvenile, including the juvenile's offense history, age, maturity and social development, gender, mental health, alcohol dependency or drug dependency, need for structured supervision and other characteristics, and shall be culturally appropriate, trauma-informed and provided in the least restrictive environment possible in a manner consistent with public safety. The Judicial Branch shall develop programs that provide: (A) Intensive general education, with an individualized remediation plan for each juvenile; (B) appropriate job training and employment opportunities; (C) counseling sessions in anger management and nonviolent conflict resolution; (D) treatment and prevention programs for alcohol dependency and drug dependency; (E) mental health

screening, assessment and treatment; (F) sexual offender treatment; and (G) services for families of juveniles.

- (b) The Judicial Branch may contract to establish regional secure residential facilities and regional highly supervised residential and nonresidential facilities for juveniles referred by the court. Such facilities shall operate within contracted-for capacity limits. Such facilities shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of section 17a-145.
- 936 (c) The Judicial Branch shall collaborate with private residential 937 facilities providing residential programs and with community-based 938 nonresidential postrelease programs.
 - (d) The Judicial Branch, as part of a publicly bid contract for an alternative incarceration program, may include a requirement that the contractor provide for space necessary for juvenile probation offices and other staff of the Court Support Services Division to perform their duties.
 - (e) Any program developed by the Judicial Branch that is designed to prevent or reduce delinquency and crime among juvenile offenders shall be gender specific, as necessary, and shall comprehensively address the unique needs of a targeted gender group.]
 - (2) The continuum of community-based programs shall be designed to address the individual risks and needs of juveniles, shall have the capacity to take into account each juvenile's history, age, maturity and social development, gender, mental health, alcohol or drug use, need for structured supervision and other characteristics, and shall be culturally appropriate, trauma-informed and provided in the least restrictive environment possible in a manner consistent with public safety. The Judicial Branch shall develop programs that provide research and evidence-based skills-training and assistance to promote independent living skills, positive activities and social connections in the juveniles' home communities and to address: (A) Anti-sociality, impulse control and behavioral problems; (B) anger management and

960 nonviolent conflict resolution; (C) alcohol and drug use and

- 961 <u>dependency; (D) mental health needs; (E) inappropriate sexual</u>
- 962 <u>behavior</u>; (F) family engagement; (G) academic disengagement; and
- 963 (H) technical and vocational training needs.
- 964 (b) The Judicial Branch may establish or contract to establish secure
- and staff-secure residential facilities for juveniles referred by the court.
- 966 Such facilities shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of
- 967 section 17a-145.
- 968 (c) The Judicial Branch, as part of a publicly bid contract, may
- 969 <u>include a requirement that the contractor provide for space necessary</u>
- 970 for juvenile probation offices and other staff of the Court Support
- 971 Services Division to perform their duties.
- 972 [(f)] (d) The Judicial Branch [shall] may consult with the
- 973 Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice
- 974 System established pursuant to section 51-10c to address the needs of
- 975 minorities in the juvenile justice system.
- 976 Sec. 22. Section 46b-124 of the 2018 supplement to the general
- 977 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 978 (Effective July 1, 2018):
- 979 (a) For the purposes of this section, "records of cases of juvenile
- 980 matters" includes, but is not limited to, court records, records
- 981 regarding juveniles maintained by the Court Support Services
- 982 Division, records regarding juveniles maintained by an organization or
- 983 agency that has contracted with the Judicial Branch to provide services
- 984 to juveniles, records of law enforcement agencies including
- 985 fingerprints, photographs and physical descriptions, and medical,
- 986 psychological, psychiatric and social welfare studies and reports by
- 987 juvenile probation officers, public or private institutions, social
- 988 agencies and clinics.
- (b) All records of cases of juvenile matters, as provided in section
- 990 46b-121, as amended by this act, except delinquency proceedings, or

any part thereof, and all records of appeals from probate brought to the superior court for juvenile matters pursuant to section 45a-186, shall be confidential and for the use of the court in juvenile matters, and open to inspection or disclosure to any third party, including bona fide researchers commissioned by a state agency, only upon order of the Superior Court, except that: (1) Such records shall be available to (A) the attorney representing the child, [or youth,] including the Division of Public Defender Services, in any proceeding in which such records are relevant, (B) the parents or guardian of the child [or youth] until such time as the child [or youth] reaches the age of majority or becomes emancipated, (C) an adult adopted person in accordance with the provisions of sections 45a-736, 45a-737 and 45a-743 to 45a-757, inclusive, (D) employees of the Division of Criminal Justice who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, (E) employees of the Judicial Branch who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, (F) another court under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 46b-115j, (G) the subject of the record, upon submission of satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, provided the subject has reached the age of majority or has been emancipated, (H) the Department of Children and Families, (I) the employees of the Division of Public Defender Services who, in the performance of their duties related to Division of Public Defender Services assigned counsel, require access to such records, and (J) judges and employees of the Probate Court who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records; and (2) all or part of the records concerning a youth in crisis with respect to whom a court order was issued prior to January 1, 2010, may be made available to the Department of Motor Vehicles, provided such records are relevant to such order. Any records of cases of juvenile matters, or any part thereof, provided to any persons, governmental or private agencies, or institutions pursuant to this section shall not be disclosed, directly or indirectly, to any third party not specified in subsection (d) of this section, except as provided by court order, in the report required under section 54-76d or 54-91a or as otherwise provided by law.

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(c) All records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, shall be confidential and for the use of the court in juvenile matters and shall not be disclosed except as provided in this section and section 46b-124a.

(d) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings shall be available to (1) Judicial Branch employees who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, (2) judges and employees of the Probate Court who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, and (3) employees and authorized agents of state or federal agencies involved in (A) the delinquency proceedings, (B) the provision of services directly to the child, [(C) the design and delivery of treatment programs pursuant to section 46b-121j, or (D)] or (C) the delivery of court diversionary programs. Such employees and authorized agents include, but are not limited to, law enforcement officials, community-based youth service bureau officials, state and federal prosecutorial officials, school officials in accordance with section 10-233h, court officials including officials of both the regular criminal docket and the docket for juvenile matters and officials of the Division of Criminal Justice, the Division of Public Defender Services, the Department of Children and Families, if the child is committed, provided such disclosure shall be limited to (i) information that identifies the child as the subject of the delinquency petition, or (ii) the records of the delinquency proceedings, when the juvenile court orders the department to provide services to said child, the Court Support Services Division and agencies under contract with the Judicial Branch. Such records shall also be available to [(i)] (I) the attorney representing the child, including the Division of Public Defender Services, in any proceeding in which such records are relevant, [(ii)] (II) the parents or guardian of the child, until such time as the subject of the record reaches the age of majority, [(iii)] (III) the subject of the record, upon submission of satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, provided the subject has reached the age of majority, [(iv)] (IV) law enforcement officials and prosecutorial officials conducting legitimate criminal investigations, [(v)] (V) a state

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or federal agency providing services related to the collection of moneys due or funding to support the service needs of eligible juveniles, provided such disclosure shall be limited to that information necessary for the collection of and application for such moneys, and [(vi)] (VI) members and employees of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and employees of the Department of Correction who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, provided the subject of the record has been convicted of a crime in the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court and such records are relevant to the performance of a risk and needs assessment of such person while such person is incarcerated, the determination of such person's suitability for release from incarceration or for a pardon, or the determination of the supervision and treatment needs of such person while on parole or other supervised release. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed, except that information contained in such records may be disclosed in connection with bail or sentencing reports in open court during criminal proceedings involving the subject of such information, or as otherwise provided by law.

- (e) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, may be disclosed upon order of the court to any person who has a legitimate interest in the information and is identified in such order. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed, except as specifically authorized by a subsequent order of the court.
- (f) Information concerning a child who is the subject of an order to take such child into custody or other process that has been entered into a central computer system pursuant to subsection (i) of section 46b-133 may be disclosed to employees and authorized agents of the Judicial Branch, law enforcement agencies and the Department of Children and Families in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Chief Court Administrator.
 - (g) Information concerning a child who has escaped from, or failed

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to return from an authorized leave to a detention center or [from a facility to] a secure or staff-secure residential treatment facility in which the child has been [committed] <u>placed</u> by the court or for whom an arrest warrant has been issued with respect to the commission of a felony may be disclosed by law enforcement officials.

- (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person employed by the Judicial Branch from disclosing any records, information or files in such employee's possession to any person employed by the Division of Criminal Justice as a prosecutorial official, inspector or investigator who, in the performance of his or her duties, requests such records, information or files, or to prohibit any such employee of said division from disclosing any records, information or files in such employee's possession to any such employee of the Judicial Branch who, in the performance of his or her duties, requests such records, information or files.
- (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a party from making a timely objection to the admissibility of evidence consisting of records of cases of juvenile matters, or any part thereof, in any Superior Court or Probate Court proceeding, or from making a timely motion to seal any such record pursuant to the rules of the Superior Court or the rules of procedure adopted under section 45a-78.
- (j) A state's attorney shall disclose to the defendant or such defendant's counsel in a criminal prosecution, without the necessity of a court order, exculpatory information and material contained in any record disclosed to such state's attorney pursuant to this section and may disclose, without a court order, information and material contained in any such record which could be the subject of a disclosure order.
- (k) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, any information concerning a child that is obtained during any mental health screening or assessment of such child, during the provision of services pursuant to subsection (b) of section 46b-149, or during the performance of an educational evaluation pursuant to

subsection (e) of section 46b-149, shall be used solely for planning and treatment purposes and shall otherwise be confidential and retained in the files of the entity providing such services or performing such screening, assessment or evaluation. Such information may be further disclosed only for the purposes of any court-ordered evaluation or treatment of the child or provision of services to the child, or pursuant to sections 17a-101 to 17a-101e, inclusive, 17b-450, 17b-451 or 51-36a. Such information shall not be subject to subpoena or other court process for use in any other proceeding or for any other purpose.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, any information concerning a child that is obtained during any detention risk screening of such child shall be used solely for determining the child's risk to public safety as required by subsection (e) of section 46b-133, as amended by this act. The information obtained and results of the detention risk screening shall be used for the purpose of making a recommendation to the court regarding the detention of the child and shall otherwise be confidential and retained in the files of the person performing such screening, but shall be disclosed to any attorney of record upon motion and order of the court. Any information and results disclosed upon such motion and order shall be available to any attorney of record for such case. Such information and results shall otherwise not be subject to subpoena or other court process for use in any other proceeding or for any other purpose.
- (l) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, containing information that a child has been [convicted] <u>adjudicated</u> as delinquent for a violation of subdivision (e) of section 1-1h, subsection (c) of section 14-147, subsection (a) of section 14-215, section 14-222, subsection (b) of section 14-223, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 14-224, <u>section 14-227a</u>, <u>section 14-227g</u>, subsection (d) of section 21a-267, section 21a-279a, section 30-88a or subsection (b) of section 30-89, shall be disclosed to the Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative use in determining whether administrative sanctions regarding such child's

motor vehicle operator's license are warranted. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed.

- 1163 (m) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving adoption 1164 proceedings, or any part thereof, shall be confidential and may only be 1165 disclosed pursuant to sections 45a-743 to 45a-757, inclusive.
- 1166 (n) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency 1167 proceedings shall be available to a victim of the delinquent act in 1168 accordance with the provisions of section 46b-124a.
- Sec. 23. Section 46b-125 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
 - [(a) All persons employed as full-time juvenile probation officers in service in this state on January 1, 1941, and appointed without examination in the first instance juvenile probation officers of this court, shall retain full rights in any pension system or retirement fund in which they participated or to which they contributed.
 - (b) Probation Juvenile probation officers shall [make such investigations and investigate and submit reports [as the court directs or the law requires] and recommendations to the court, including predispositional studies in accordance with section 46b-134, as amended by this act. Juvenile probation officers shall provide supervision and make referrals to preadjudication postadjudication services based on the juvenile's risks and needs, as determined by the risk and needs assessment. Juvenile probation officers shall work collaboratively with treatment providers to ensure programs and services are adequately addressing the needs of juveniles under supervision. They shall execute the orders of the court; and, for that purpose, such probation officers, and any other employees specifically designated by the court to assist the probation officers in the enforcement of such orders, shall have the authority of a state marshal. They shall [preserve a record] keep records of all cases investigated or coming under their care, and shall keep informed concerning the conduct and condition of each [person] juvenile placed

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under supervision and report thereon to the court as [it] the court may direct. Any juvenile probation officer authorized by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator [, and any juvenile matters investigator authorized by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney,] may arrest any juvenile on probation without a warrant or may deputize any other officer with power to arrest to do so by giving such officer a written statement setting forth that the juvenile has, in the judgment of the juvenile probation officer, [or juvenile matters investigator,] violated the conditions of the juvenile's probation. When executing such orders of the court, except when using deadly physical force, juvenile probation officers and juvenile matters investigators shall be deemed to be acting in the capacity of a peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 53a-3.

Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 46b-128 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):

(a) Whenever the Superior Court is in receipt of any written complaint filed by any person, any public or private agency or any federal, state, city or town department maintaining that a child's conduct constitutes delinquency within the meaning of section 46b-120, as amended by this act, it shall make a preliminary investigation to determine whether the facts, if true, would be sufficient to be a juvenile matter and whether the interests of the public or the child require that further action be taken. If so, the court may authorize the filing of a verified petition of alleged delinquency or it may make without such petition whatever nonjudicial disposition is practicable, including the ordering of such child to do work of which he is capable in public buildings or on public property, particularly in cases in which the complaint alleges that the conduct of such child resulted in the wilful destruction of property, provided the facts establishing jurisdiction are admitted and that a competent acceptance of such a disposition has been given by the child and his parent or guardian. If a nonjudicial disposition is made, the term of any nonjudicial supervision shall be established by the juvenile probation supervisor

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or designee provided such period of supervision shall not exceed one hundred eighty days. Each verified petition of delinquency filed by the court shall set forth plainly (1) the facts which bring the child within the jurisdiction of the court, (2) the name, date of birth, sex and residence of the child, (3) the names and residence of his parent or parents, guardian or other person having control of the child, and (4) a prayer for appropriate action by the court in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

- Sec. 25. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 46b-133 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- (d) [(1)] When a child is arrested for the commission of a delinquent act and the child is not placed in detention or referred to a diversionary program, an officer shall serve a written complaint and summons on the child and the child's parent, guardian or some other suitable person or agency. If such child is released to the child's own custody, the officer shall make reasonable efforts to notify, and to provide a copy of a written complaint and summons to, the parent or guardian or some other suitable person or agency prior to the court date on the summons. If any person so summoned wilfully fails to appear in court at the time and place so specified, the court may issue a warrant for the child's arrest or a capias to assure the appearance in court of such parent, guardian or other person. If a child wilfully fails to appear in response to such a summons, the court may order such child taken into custody and such child may be charged with the delinquent act of wilful failure to appear under section 46b-120, as amended by this act. The court may punish for contempt, as provided in section 46b-121, as amended by this act, any parent, guardian or other person so summoned who wilfully fails to appear in court at the time and place so specified.
- [(2) Upon the arrest of any youth by an officer for a violation of section 53a-82, such officer shall report suspected abuse or neglect to the Department of Children and Families in accordance with the

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(e) When a child is arrested for the commission of a delinquent act and is placed in detention pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, such child may be detained pending a hearing which shall be held on the business day next following the child's arrest. No child may be detained after such hearing unless the court determines, based on the available facts, that (1) there is probable cause to believe that the child has committed the acts alleged, (2) there is no less restrictive alternative available, and (3) through the use of the detention risk [assessment] screening instrument developed pursuant to section 46b-133g, as amended by this act, that there is (A) probable cause to believe that the child will pose a risk to public safety if released to the community prior to the court hearing or disposition; (B) a need to hold the child in order to ensure the child's appearance before the court, as demonstrated by the child's previous failure to respond to the court process, or (C) a need to hold the child for another jurisdiction. Such probable cause may be shown by sworn affidavit in lieu of testimony. No child shall be released from detention who is alleged to have committed a serious juvenile offense except by order of a judge of the Superior Court. The court may, in its discretion, consider as an alternative to detention a suspended detention order with graduated sanctions to be imposed based on the detention risk [assessment] screening for such child, using the instrument developed pursuant to section 46b-133g, as amended by this act. Any child confined in a community correctional center or lockup shall be held in an area separate and apart from any adult detainee, except in the case of a nursing infant, and no child shall at any time be held in solitary confinement. When a female child is held in custody, she shall, as far as possible, be in the charge of a woman attendant.

(f) The police officer who brings a child into detention shall have first notified, or made a reasonable effort to notify, the parents or guardian of the child in question of the intended action and shall file at the detention center a signed statement setting forth the alleged delinquent conduct of the child and the order to detain such child.

1294 Upon admission, the child shall be administered the detention risk 1295 [assessment] screening instrument developed pursuant to section 46b-1296 133g, as amended by this act, and unless the child was arrested for a 1297 serious juvenile offense or unless an order not to release is noted on 1298 the take into custody order, arrest warrant or order to detain, the child 1299 may be released to the custody of the child's parent or parents, 1300 guardian or some other suitable person or agency in accordance with 1301 policies adopted by the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial 1302 Department pursuant to section 46b-133h.

- Sec. 26. Section 46b-133g of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 1306 (a) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Court Support Services 1307 Division of the Judicial Department shall develop and implement a 1308 detention risk [assessment] screening instrument to be used to 1309 determine, based on the risk level, whether there is: (1) Probable cause 1310 to believe that a child will pose a risk to public safety if released to the 1311 community prior to the court hearing or disposition, or (2) a need to 1312 hold the child in order to ensure the child's appearance before the 1313 court, as demonstrated by the child's previous failure to respond to the 1314 court process. Such instrument shall be used when assessing whether a 1315 child should be detained pursuant to section 46b-133, as amended by 1316 this act. Any detention risk screening shall be subject to the protections 1317 of subsection (k) of section 46b-124, as amended by this act.
 - (b) When a child is presented before the court and it appears from the available facts there is probable cause to believe the child has violated a valid court order, the court, after administering the detention risk [assessment] screening instrument, may order the child to participate in nonresidential programs for intensive wraparound services, community-based residential services for short-term respite or other services and interventions the court deems appropriate.
- Sec. 27. Section 46b-134 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

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Prior to the disposition of the case of any child [convicted of a] adjudicated as delinquent, [act,] investigation shall be made of the facts as specified in this section by the probation officer, and until such investigation has been completed and the results thereof placed before the judge, no disposition of the child's case shall be made. Such investigation shall consist of an examination of the parentage and surroundings of the child and the child's age, habits and history, and shall include also an inquiry into the home conditions, habits and character of the child's parents or guardians. Such investigation shall include an inquiry into the circumstances of the offense, the attitude of the complainant or victim, the criminal record, the present condition of the child and any damages suffered by the victim including medical expenses, loss of earnings and property loss. If the child is or legally should be in attendance at school, such investigation shall further contain a report of the child's school attendance, adjustment and behavior, the child's individualized education program if the child has been identified pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76gg, inclusive, as special education and requiring related services and recommendations from school officials on conditions of probation if the child is placed on probation pursuant to section 46b-140, as amended by this act, which shall be furnished by the school officials to the court upon its request. The court shall, when it is found necessary to the disposition, cause a complete physical or mental examination, or both, to be made of the child by persons professionally qualified to do so. Such examination may include testing to determine whether the child is alcohol-dependent or drug-dependent as defined in section 46b-120, as amended by this act. If the court causes a complete physical or mental examination, or both, to be made of a child whose parents, guardian or custodian is found able to pay in whole or in part the cost thereof, it shall assess as costs against such parents, guardian or custodian, including any agency vested with the legal custody of the child, the expense so incurred and paid for by the court in having such examination performed, to the extent of their financial ability to do so. Prior to the disposition of the case of any child [convicted of a] adjudicated as delinquent, [act,] the court may cause a complete

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- Sec. 28. Section 46b-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 1371 (a) In determining the appropriate disposition of a child [convicted] 1372 adjudicated as delinquent, the court shall consider: (1) The child's age 1373 and intellectual, cognitive and emotional development; (2) the 1374 seriousness of the offense, including [the existence of] any aggravating 1375 Ifactors such as the use of a firearm in the commission of the offense 1376 and] or mitigating factors; (3) the impact of the offense on any victim; 1377 [(2)] (4) the child's record of delinquency; [(3)] (5) the child's 1378 willingness to participate in available programs; [(4) the existence of 1379 other mitigating factors; and (5) the culpability of the child in committing the offense including the level of the child's participation 1380 in the planning and carrying out of the offense (6) the child's prior 1382 involvement with the Department of Children and Families as a 1383 committed delinquent; (7) the child's prior involvement with juvenile 1384 probation; (8) the child's history of participation in and engagement with programming and service interventions; (9) the identified 1386 services, programs and interventions that will best address the child's 1387 needs and risk of reoffending, as indicated by the risk and needs assessment administered by the Court Support Services Division and 1389 any other relevant evidence; and (10) the level of supervision indicated by the risk and needs assessment administered by the Court Support 1390 Services Division and any other relevant evidence.
 - (b) Upon [conviction] adjudication of a child as delinquent, the court: (1) May (A) [order the child to participate in an alternative incarceration program; (B) order the child to participate in a program

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at a wilderness school facility operated by the Department of Children and Families; (C) order the child to participate in a youth service bureau program; (D) place the child on probation; (E) order the child or the parents or guardian of the child, or both, to make restitution to the victim of the offense in accordance with subsection (d) of this section; (F) order the child to participate in a program of community service in accordance with subsection (e) of this section; or (G) withhold or suspend execution of any judgment; and (2) shall impose the penalty established in subsection (b) of section 30-89 for any violation of said subsection (b)] discharge the child from the court's jurisdiction with or without a warning; (B) place the child on probation supervision for a period not to exceed eighteen months, which may be extended in accordance with section 46b-140a, as amended by this act, by not more than twelve months, for a total supervision period not to exceed thirty months; or (C) place the child on probation supervision with residential placement, for a period not to exceed eighteen months, which may be extended in accordance with section 46b-140a, as amended by this act, by not more than twelve months, for a total supervision period not to exceed thirty months.

(c) The court may order, as a condition of probation, that the child (1) reside with a parent, relative or guardian or in a suitable foster home or other residence approved by the court, (2) attend school and class on a regular basis and comply with school policies on student conduct and discipline, (3) refrain from violating any federal or state law or municipal or local ordinance, (4) undergo any medical or psychiatric evaluation or treatment deemed necessary by the court, (5) submit to random drug or alcohol testing, or both, (6) participate in a program of alcohol or drug treatment, or both, (7) make restitution to the victim of the offense in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, (8) participate in an alternative incarceration program or other program established through the Court Support Services Division, (9) participate in a program of community service, and (10) satisfy any other conditions deemed appropriate by the court] As a condition of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential placement, the court may order that the child: (1) Participate in a youth

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(d) If the child has engaged in conduct which results in property damage or personal injury, the court may order the child or the parent or parents or guardian of the child, if such parent or parents or guardian had knowledge of and condoned the conduct of the child, or both the child and the parent or parents or guardian, to make restitution to the victim of such offense, provided the liability of such parent or parents or guardian shall be limited to an amount not exceeding the amount such parent or parents or guardian would be liable for in an action under section 52-572. Restitution may consist of monetary reimbursement for the damage or injury, based on the

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child's or the parent's, parents' or guardian's ability to pay, as the case may be, in the form of a lump sum or installment payments, paid to the court clerk or such other official designated by the court for distribution to the victim.

- (e) The court may order the child to participate in a program of community service under the supervision of the court or any organization designated by the court. Such child shall not be deemed to be an employee and the services of such child shall not be deemed employment.
- [(f) If the court further finds that its probation services or other services available to the court are not adequate for such child, the court shall commit such child to the Department of Children and Families in accordance with the provisions of section 46b-141.
- (g) Any child or youth coming within the jurisdiction of the court, who is found to be mentally ill, may be committed by said court to the Commissioner of Children and Families and, if the court convicts a child as delinquent and finds such child to be mentally deficient, the court may commit such child to an institution for mentally deficient children or youth or delinquents. No such commitment may be ordered or continued for any child who has attained the age of twenty. Whenever it is found that a child convicted as delinquent or adjudged to be a member of a family with service needs would benefit from a work-study program or employment with or without continued school attendance, the court may, as a condition of probation or supervision, authorize such child to be employed for part or full-time at some useful occupation that would be favorable to such child's welfare, and the probation officer shall supervise such employment. For the purposes of this section, the limitations of subsection (a) of section 31-23 on the employment of minors under the age of sixteen years shall not apply for the duration of such probation or supervision.
- (h) Whenever the court commits a child to the Department of Children and Families, there shall be delivered with the mittimus a copy of the results of the investigations made as required by section

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46b-134. The court may, at any time, require from the department in whose care a child has been placed such report as to such child and such child's treatment.

- (i) If the delinquent act for which the child is committed to the Department of Children and Families is a serious juvenile offense, the court may set a minimum period of twelve months during which the child shall be placed in a residential facility operated by or under contract with said department, as determined by the Commissioner of Children and Families. No such commitment may be ordered or continued for any child who has attained the age of twenty. The setting of such minimum period shall be in the form of an order of the court included in the mittimus. For good cause shown in the form of an affidavit annexed thereto, the Department of Children and Families, the parent or guardian of the child or the child may petition the court for modification of any such order.
- (j) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the court may order that a child be (1) committed to the Department of Children and Families and, after consultation with said department, the court may order that the child be placed directly in a residential facility within this state and under contract with said department, or (2) committed to the Commissioner of Children and Families for placement by the commissioner, in said commissioner's discretion, (A) with respect to the juvenile offenders determined by the Department of Children and Families to be the highest risk, in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, if the juvenile offender is a male, or in another state facility, presumptively for a minimum period of twelve months, or (B) in a private residential or day treatment facility within or outside this state, or (C) on parole. No such commitment may be ordered or continued for any child who has attained the age of twenty. The commissioner shall use a risk and needs assessment classification system to ensure that children who are in the highest risk level will be placed in an appropriate secure treatment setting.
 - (k) On or after May 21, 2004, no female child committed to the

1531 Department of Children and Families shall be placed in the

- 1532 Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Any female child placed in the
- 1533 Connecticut Juvenile Training School before May 21, 2004, shall be
- transferred to another appropriate facility not later than ninety days
- 1535 after May 21, 2004.

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- 1536 (l) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes 1537 concerning the confidentiality of records and information, whenever a 1538 child convicted as delinquent is committed to the Department of 1539 Children and Families, the Commissioner of Children and Families 1540 shall have access to the following information: (1) Educational records 1541 of such child; (2) records regarding such child's past treatment for 1542 physical or mental illness, including substance abuse; (3) records 1543 regarding such child's prior placement in a public or private 1544 residential facility; (4) records created or obtained by the Judicial 1545 Department regarding such child; and (5) records, as defined in 1546 subsection (a) of section 17a-28. The Commissioner of Children and 1547 Families shall review such information to determine the appropriate 1548 services and placement which will be in the best interest of the child.]
 - (f) At any time during a period of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential placement, the court may authorize the child's probation officer to convene a case review team meeting with the child and the child's attorney on any case that is being considered for residential placement or that is complex and could benefit from a multi-systemic approach. The juvenile probation supervisor and juvenile probation officer shall facilitate the meeting, which may also include the following participants: (1) The child's family; (2) the state's attorney; (3) school officials; (4) treatment providers; and (5) representatives from other state agencies, as deemed appropriate. Any recommendations to modify conditions of probation supervision, including residential placement, shall be presented to the court for consideration and approval.
 - (g) An adjudicated child shall not be placed on probation supervision with residential placement in a secure or staff-secure

facility unless a current predispositional study has been completed and 1564 1565 reviewed by the court and: (1) Such placement is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs; or (2) the level of risk the child 1566 1567 poses to public safety cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting. 1568 The court shall consider all relevant reports, evaluations and studies 1569 proffered or admitted as evidence. The child's length of stay in a 1570 residential facility shall be dependent on the child's treatment progress and attainment of treatment goals. 1571

- 1572 Sec. 29. Section 46b-140a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1573 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 1574 (a) At any time during the period of probation [or suspended 1575 commitment] supervision or probation supervision with residential 1576 placement, after hearing and for good cause shown, the court may 1577 modify or enlarge the conditions, whether originally imposed by the 1578 court under this section or otherwise, and may extend the period of 1579 probation supervision or probation supervision with residential 1580 placement by not more than twelve months, for a total maximum 1581 supervision period not to exceed thirty months, as deemed appropriate 1582 by the court. The court shall cause a copy of any such order to be 1583 delivered to the child [or youth] and to such child's [or youth's] parent 1584 or guardian and probation officer.
- 1585 **(**(b) The period of participation in an alternative incarceration 1586 program, as a condition of probation or suspended commitment, 1587 unless terminated sooner, shall not exceed the original period of 1588 probation or suspended commitment.]
- 1589 (b) During any period of probation supervision or probation 1590 supervision with residential placement the court may convene a probation status review hearing. A probation officer may file an ex 1592 parte request for a probation status review hearing with the clerk of 1593 the court, regardless of whether a new offense or violation has been filed. If the court finds that the ex parte request is in the child's or the 1595 public's best interest, the court may grant the ex-parte request and 1596 convene a probation status review hearing within seven days. The

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probation officer shall inform the child and parent or legal guardian of the scheduled court date and time. The child shall be represented by counsel at the hearing. If the child or the child's parents or guardian do not appear at the hearing, absent actual or in-hand service of the notice, the failure to appear at the hearing shall not be deemed wilful. The court may continue the hearing to a future date and order that the child and the child's parents or guardian be served with notice to appear in court in the manner prescribed by section 46b-128, as amended by this act. By agreement of the parties or at the conclusion of an evidentiary hearing, the court may modify or enlarge the conditions of probation, and if appropriate, the court may order that the child be placed in a secure or staff-secure residential facility, provided no child shall be ordered to be placed in a secure or staffsecure residential facility unless such placement is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs or the level of risk the child poses to public safety cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting.

(c) At any time during the period of probation [or suspended commitment] supervision or probation supervision with residential placement, the court may issue a warrant for the arrest of a child [or youth] for violation of any of the conditions of probation [or suspended commitment] supervision or probation supervision with residential placement, or may issue a notice to appear to answer to a charge of such violation, which notice shall be personally served upon the child. [or youth.] Any such warrant shall authorize all officers named therein to return the child [or youth] to the custody of the court or to any suitable juvenile detention facility designated by the court in accordance with subsection (e) of section 46b-133, as amended by this act.

(d) If [such] <u>a</u> violation <u>of probation supervision or probation</u> <u>supervision with residential placement</u> is established, the court may continue or revoke the order of probation [or suspended commitment] <u>supervision or probation supervision with residential placement</u> or modify or enlarge the conditions [and, if such order of probation or suspended commitment is revoked, require the child or youth to serve

the commitment imposed or impose any lesser commitment. No such

- revocation shall be ordered, except upon consideration of the whole
- 1633 record and unless such violation is established by reliable and
- probative evidence of probation supervision or probation supervision
- 1635 with residential placement in accordance with section 46b-140, as
- 1636 <u>amended by this act</u>.
- 1637 [(e) Upon a determination by the court that a child or youth has
- 1638 violated probation by failing to comply with the requirements of
- 1639 electronic monitoring, the Court Support Services Division shall notify
- the local law enforcement agency of such violation.]
- Sec. 30. Section 46b-141d of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1642 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- Any child who is arrested and held in a detention center, an
- 1644 alternative detention center or a police station or courthouse lockup
- prior to the disposition of a juvenile matter shall, if subsequently
- 1646 [convicted] adjudicated as delinquent by the Superior Court and
- 1647 sentenced to a period of probation supervision or probation
- 1648 supervision with residential placement, earn a reduction of such
- 1649 child's period of probation supervision or probation supervision with
- 1650 <u>residential placement</u>, including any extensions thereof, equal to the
- number of days that such child spent in such detention center or
- 1652 lockup.
- Sec. 31. Subsection (d) of section 4b-3 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 1655 1, 2018):
- 1656 (d) Notwithstanding any other statute or special act to the contrary,
- 1657 the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall be the sole person
- authorized to represent the state in its dealings with third parties for
- the construction, development, acquisition or leasing of real estate for
- 1660 housing the offices or equipment of all agencies of the state or for the
- state-owned public buildings or realty, as provided for in sections 2-90,
- 4b-1 to 4b-5, inclusive, 4b-21, 4b-23, 4b-24, 4b-26, 4b-27, 4b-30 and 4b-

1663 32, subsection (c) of section 4b-66 and sections 4b-67 to 4b-69, inclusive, 1664 4b-71, 4b-72, 10-95, 10a-72, 10a-89, 10a-90, 10a-114, 10a-130, 10a-144, 1665 17b-655, 22-64, 22a-324, 26-3, 27-45, 32-1c, 32-39, 48-9, 51-27d and 51-1666 27f, except that (1) the Joint Committee on Legislative Management 1667 may represent the state in the planning and construction of the 1668 Legislative Office Building and related facilities, in Hartford; (2) the 1669 Chief Court Administrator may represent the state in providing for (A) 1670 space for the Court Support Services Division as part of a new or 1671 existing contract for an alternative incarceration program pursuant to 1672 section 54-103b or a program developed pursuant to section [46b-121i, 1673 46b-121j,] 46b-121k, as amended by this act, [or 46b-121l,] or (B) other 1674 real estate needs of the Judicial Branch when delegated authority to do 1675 so by the Commissioner of Administrative Services; (3) the board of 1676 trustees of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education 1677 may represent the state in the leasing of real estate for housing the 1678 offices or equipment of such constituent unit, provided no lease 1679 payments for such realty are made with funds generated from the 1680 general revenues of the state; (4) the Labor Commissioner may 1681 represent the state in the leasing of premises required for employment 1682 security operations as provided in subsection (c) of section 31-250; (5) 1683 the Commissioner of Developmental Services may represent the state 1684 in the leasing of residential property as part of the program developed 1685 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17a-218, provided such residential 1686 property does not exceed two thousand five hundred square feet, for 1687 the community placement of persons eligible to receive residential 1688 services from the department; (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health 1689 and Addiction Services may represent the state in the leasing of 1690 residential units as part of a program developed pursuant to section 1691 17a-455a, provided each such residential unit does not exceed two 1692 thousand five hundred square feet; and (7) the Connecticut Marketing 1693 Authority may represent the state in the leasing of land or markets 1694 under the control of the Connecticut Marketing Authority, and, except 1695 for the housing of offices or equipment in connection with the initial 1696 acquisition of an existing state mass transit system or the leasing of 1697 land by the Connecticut Marketing Authority for a term of one year or

1698 more in which cases the actions of the Department of Transportation 1699 and the Connecticut Marketing Authority shall be subject to the review 1700 and approval of the State Properties Review Board. The Commissioner 1701 of Administrative Services may establish and implement any 1702 necessary for the commissioner to assume procedures 1703 commissioner's responsibilities as said sole bargaining agent for state 1704 realty acquisitions and shall perform the duties necessary to carry out 1705 such procedures. The Commissioner of Administrative Services may 1706 appoint, within the department's budget and subject to the provisions 1707 of chapter 67, such personnel deemed necessary by the commissioner 1708 to carry out the provisions of this section, including experts in real 1709 estate, construction operations, financing, banking, contracting, 1710 architecture and engineering. The Attorney General's office, at the 1711 request of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall assist 1712 the commissioner in contract negotiations regarding the purchase, 1713 lease or construction of real estate.

- Sec. 32. Section 46b-145 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- No child shall be prosecuted for an offense before the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court except as provided in section 46b-127. [and subsection (f) of section 46b-133c.]
- Sec. 33. Section 17a-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
 - Except as otherwise limited by subsection (i) of section 46b-140, [and subsection (a) of section 46b-141,] the Commissioner of Children and Families or the commissioner's designee may, when deemed in the best interests of a child committed to the custody of the commissioner as delinquent by the Superior Court, place such child on parole under such terms or conditions as the commissioner or the commissioner's designee deem to be in the best interests of such child. When in the opinion of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee it is no longer in the best interest of such child to remain on parole or when the child has violated a condition of aftercare, such child may be

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1731 returned to any institution, resource or facility administered by or

- 1732 available to the Department of Children and Families, provided the
- 1733 child shall have a right to a hearing, not more than thirty days after the
- 1734 child's return to placement, pursuant to procedures adopted by the
- 1735 commissioner in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-181a, inclusive.
- 1736 Sec. 34. Subsection (d) of section 17a-10 of the general statutes is
- 1737 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 1738 1, 2018):
- (d) If the Superior Court requests a report on any committed child,
- the commissioner shall be responsible for preparing and transmitting
- such report to the requesting court. Not more than sixty days nor less
- than thirty days prior to the expiration of the original commitment of
- any child to the department. [, the commissioner may file a motion for
- an extension of commitment pursuant to the provisions of section 46b-
- 1745 141.] If the commissioner, or the board of review pursuant to the
- provisions of section 17a-15, at any time during the commitment of any
- 1747 child, determines that termination of commitment of a child is in the
- 1748 best interest of such child, the commissioner or the board may
- 1749 terminate the commitment and such termination shall be effective
- 1750 without further action by the court.
- 1751 Sec. 35. Subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the 2018 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1753 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 1754 (g) The department shall disclose records, subject to subsections (b)
- and (c) of this section, without the consent of the person who is the
- 1756 subject of the record, to:
- 1757 (1) The person named in the record or such person's authorized
- 1758 representative, provided such disclosure shall be limited to
- information (A) contained in the record about such person or about
- such person's biological or adoptive minor child, if such person's
- 1761 parental rights to such child have not been terminated; and (B)
- identifying an individual who reported abuse or neglect of the person,

including any tape recording of an oral report pursuant to section 17a-

- 1764 103, if a court determines that there is reasonable cause to believe the
- 1765 reporter knowingly made a false report or that the interests of justice
- 1766 require disclosure;

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- 1767 (2) An employee of the department for any purpose reasonably related to the performance of such employee's duties;
- 1769 (3) A guardian ad litem or attorney appointed to represent a child or youth in litigation affecting the best interests of the child or youth;
- 1771 (4) An attorney representing a parent, guardian or child in a petition 1772 filed in the Superior Court pursuant to section 17a-112 or 46b-129, 1773 provided (A) if such records do not pertain to such attorney's client or 1774 such client's child, such records shall not be further disclosed to 1775 another individual or entity by such attorney except pursuant to the 1776 order of a court of competent jurisdiction, (B) if such records are 1777 confidential pursuant to federal law, such records shall not be 1778 disclosed to such attorney or such attorney's client unless such 1779 attorney or such attorney's client is otherwise entitled to such records, 1780 and (C) nothing in this subdivision shall limit the disclosure of records 1781 under subdivision (3) of this subsection;
 - (5) The Attorney General, any assistant attorney general or any other legal counsel retained to represent the department during the course of a legal proceeding involving the department or an employee of the department;
 - (6) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;
- (7) The Chief Public Defender or the Chief Public Defender's designee for purposes of ensuring competent representation by the attorneys with whom the Chief Public Defender contracts to provide legal and guardian ad litem services to the subjects of such records and for ensuring accurate payments for services rendered by such attorneys;
- 1793 (8) The Chief State's Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's

designee for purposes of investigating or prosecuting (A) an allegation related to child abuse or neglect, (B) an allegation that an individual made a false report of suspected child abuse or neglect, or (C) an allegation that a mandated reporter failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect in accordance with section 17a-101a, provided such prosecuting authority shall have access to records of a child charged with the commission of a delinquent act, who is not being charged with an offense related to child abuse, only while the case is being prosecuted and after obtaining a release;

- (9) A state or federal law enforcement officer, including a military law enforcement authority under the United States Department of Defense, for purposes of investigating (A) an allegation related to child abuse or neglect, (B) an allegation that an individual made a false report of suspected child abuse or neglect, or (C) an allegation that a mandated reporter failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect in accordance with section 17a-101a;
- 1810 (10) A foster or prospective adoptive parent, if the records pertain to a child or youth currently placed with the foster or prospective 1812 adoptive parent, or a child or youth being considered for placement 1813 with the foster or prospective adoptive parent, and the records are 1814 necessary to address the social, medical, psychological or educational 1815 needs of the child or youth, provided no information identifying a biological parent is disclosed without the permission of such biological parent;
 - (11) The Governor, when requested in writing in the course of the Governor's official functions, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary or the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, when requested in writing by any of such committees in the course of such committee's official functions, and upon a majority vote of such committee, provided no name or other

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identifying information is disclosed unless such information is essential to the gubernatorial or legislative purpose;

- 1829 (12) The Office of Early Childhood for the purpose of (A) 1830 determining the suitability of a person to care for children in a facility 1831 licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, 19a-80 or 19a-87b; (B) determining 1832 the suitability of such person for licensure; (C) an investigation 1833 conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f; (D) notifying the office when 1834 the Department of Children and Families places an individual licensed 1835 or certified by the office on the child abuse and neglect registry pursuant to section 17a-101k; or (E) notifying the office when the 1836 1837 Department of Children and Families possesses information regarding 1838 an office regulatory violation committed by an individual licensed or 1839 certified by the office;
- 1840 (13) The Department of Developmental Services, to allow said 1841 department to determine eligibility, facilitate enrollment and plan for 1842 the provision of services to a child who is a client of said department 1843 and who is applying to enroll in or is enrolled in said department's 1844 behavioral services program. At the time that a parent or guardian 1845 completes an application for enrollment of a child in the Department of 1846 Developmental Services' behavioral services program, or at the time 1847 that said department updates a child's annual individualized plan of 1848 care, said department shall notify such parent or guardian that the 1849 Department of Children and Families may provide records to the 1850 Department of Developmental Services for the purposes specified in 1851 this subdivision without the consent of such parent or guardian;
 - (14) Any individual or entity for the purposes of identifying resources that will promote the permanency plan of a child or youth approved by the court pursuant to sections 17a-11, as amended by this act, 17a-111b [,] and 46b-129; [and 46b-141;]
- 1856 (15) A state agency that licenses or certifies a person to educate, care 1857 for or provide services to children or youths;
- 1858 (16) A judge or employee of a Probate Court who requires access to

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such records in order to perform such judge's or employee's official duties:

- 1861 (17) A judge of the Superior Court for purposes of determining the 1862 appropriate disposition of a child [convicted] <u>adjudicated</u> as 1863 delinquent or a child who is a member of a family with service needs;
- (18) A judge of the Superior Court in a criminal prosecution for purposes of in camera inspection whenever (A) the court has ordered that the record be provided to the court; or (B) a party to the proceeding has issued a subpoena for the record;
 - (19) A judge of the Superior Court and all necessary parties in a family violence proceeding when such records concern family violence with respect to the child who is the subject of the proceeding or the parent of such child who is the subject of the proceeding;
- 1872 (20) The Auditors of Public Accounts, or their representative, 1873 provided no information identifying the subject of the record is 1874 disclosed unless such information is essential to an audit conducted 1875 pursuant to section 2-90;
- 1876 (21) A local or regional board of education, provided the records are 1877 limited to educational records created or obtained by the state or 1878 Connecticut Unified School District #2, established pursuant to section 1879 17a-37;
- 1880 (22) The superintendent of schools for any school district for the 1881 purpose of determining the suitability of a person to be employed by 1882 the local or regional board of education for such school district 1883 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-221d;
 - (23) The Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of criminal history records checks pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-44, provided information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to information included on the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and

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1890 17a-101k concerning the nondisclosure of findings of responsibility for abuse and neglect;

- 1892 (24) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for 1893 the purpose of treatment planning for young adults who have 1894 transitioned from the care of the Department of Children and Families;
- (25) The superintendent of a public school district or the executive director or other head of a public or private institution for children providing care for children or a private school (A) pursuant to sections 17a-11, as amended by this act, 17a-101b, 17a-101c, 17a-101i, 17a-111b and [,] 46b-129, [and 46b-141,] or (B) when the Department of Children and Families places an individual employed by such institution or school on the child abuse and neglect registry pursuant to section 17a-101k;
 - (26) The Department of Social Services for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person for payment from the Department of Social Services for providing child care; (B) promoting the health, safety and welfare of a child or youth receiving services from either department; or (C) investigating allegations of fraud provided no information identifying the subject of the record is disclosed unless such information is essential to any such investigation;
 - (27) The Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, to allow the division to determine the supervision and treatment needs of a child or youth, and provide appropriate supervision and treatment services to such child or youth, provided such disclosure shall be limited to information that identifies the child or youth, or a member of such child's or youth's immediate family, as being or having been (A) committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families as delinquent, (B) under the supervision of the Commissioner of Children and Families, or (C) enrolled in the voluntary services program operated by the Department of Children and Families;
- 1921 (28) The Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch for

the purpose of sharing common case records to track recidivism of juvenile offenders;

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- (29) The birth-to-three program's referral intake office for the purpose of (A) determining eligibility of, (B) facilitating enrollment for, and (C) providing services to (i) substantiated victims of child abuse and neglect with suspected developmental delays, and (ii) newborns impacted by withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure; and
- (30) The Department of Public Health for the purpose of notification when the Commissioner of Children and Families places an individual licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health on the child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.
- Sec. 36. Subsection (e) of section 52-261a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2018):
 - (e) The following fees shall be allowed and paid, except to state employees in the classified service: (1) For each arrest in criminal cases, one dollar and fifty cents; (2) for any necessary assistants in making criminal arrests, a reasonable sum, the necessity of such assistance to be proved by the oath of the officer; (3) for travel with a prisoner to court or to a community correctional center, forty cents a mile, provided (A) if more than one prisoner is transported at the same time, the total cost of travel shall be forty cents per mile for each prisoner transported up to a maximum of two dollars per mile, regardless of the number of prisoners transported, and (B) if a prisoner is transported for commitment on more than one mittimus, the total cost of travel shall be the same as for the transportation of one prisoner committed on one mittimus only; (4) for holding a prisoner in custody upon criminal process for each twelve hours or fraction thereof, to be taxed as expenses in the case, one dollar; (5) for holding a prisoner in custody by order of court, one dollar a day; (6) for keepers, for every twelve hours, in lieu of all other expenses, except in special cases to be approved by the court, five dollars; (7) for executing a mittimus of

1955 commitment to the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Somers, for 1956 each prisoner, one dollar and fifty cents; (8) for transporting any 1957 prisoner from a community correctional center to the Connecticut 1958 Correctional Institution, Somers, or for transporting any person under 1959 commitment from a community correctional center to the John R. 1960 Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire, twenty-five cents a mile, to be 1961 taxed as expenses, provided, if more than one prisoner or person is 1962 transported, the total cost of travel shall be twenty-five cents per mile 1963 for each prisoner or person transported up to a maximum of one dollar 1964 per mile, regardless of the number of prisoners or persons transported; 1965 (9) for taking samples to a state chemist by order of court, two dollars, 1966 and for each mile of travel in going and returning, ten cents; and (10) 1967 Ifor service of a mittimus to commit to the Connecticut Juvenile 1968 Training School, necessary expenses and a reasonable compensation; 1969 and (11)] for producing any prisoner, held by criminal process, in court 1970 or before a judge under habeas corpus proceedings, twenty-five cents a 1971 mile travel and two dollars and fifty cents a day for attendance, to be 1972 taxed and allowed by the court or judge.

- 1973 Sec. 37. Section 53a-171 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 1975 (a) A person is guilty of escape from custody if such person (1) 1976 escapes from custody, or (2) has been [convicted] adjudicated as 1977 delinquent, [has been committed to the Department of Children and 1978 Families, and (A) fails to return from a leave authorized under section 1979 17a-8a, or (B)] and escapes from or fails to return from an authorized 1980 leave to a state or private facility or institution in which such person 1981 has been [assigned or] placed by the [Commissioner of Children and 1982 Families | court.
- 1983 (b) If a person has been arrested for, charged with or convicted of a 1984 felony, escape from such custody is a class C felony, otherwise, escape 1985 from custody is a class A misdemeanor.
- 1986 Sec. 38. Sections 7-63, 17a-3a, 17a-6b, 17a-6c, 17a-7, 17a-7a, 17a-8, 17a-8a, 17a-10, 17a-13, 17a-27b, 17a-27d, 17a-64, 17a-201b, 46b-121i,

1988 46b-121j, 46b-121l, 46b-126, 46b-133c, 46b-133d, 46b-141, 46b-141a, 46b-1989 141b and 46b-147a of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1*, 1990 2018)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	July 1, 2018	New section	
Sec. 2	July 1, 2018	New section	
Sec. 3	July 1, 2018	4b-55	
Sec. 4	July 1, 2018	4b-58(a)	
Sec. 5	July 1, 2018	10-233d(l)	
Sec. 6	July 1, 2018	10-233k(b)	
Sec. 7	July 1, 2018	12-19a(a)	
Sec. 8	July 1, 2018	17a-1(6)	
Sec. 9	July 1, 2018	17a-3(a)	
Sec. 10	July 1, 2018	17a-4(a)	
Sec. 11	July 1, 2018	17a-6	
Sec. 12	July 1, 2018	17a-11(b)	
Sec. 13	July 1, 2018	17a-12	
Sec. 14	July 1, 2018	17a-32	
Sec. 15	July 1, 2018	17a-185	
Sec. 16	July 1, 2018	22a-1f(b)	
Sec. 17	July 1, 2018	46b-120	
Sec. 18	July 1, 2019	46b-120(5)	
Sec. 19	July 1, 2018	46b-121	
Sec. 20	July 1, 2018	46b-121h	
Sec. 21	July 1, 2018	46b-121k	
Sec. 22	July 1, 2018	46b-124	
Sec. 23	July 1, 2018	46b-125	
Sec. 24	July 1, 2018	46b-128(a)	
Sec. 25	July 1, 2018	46b-133(d) to (f)	
Sec. 26	July 1, 2018	46b-133g	
Sec. 27	July 1, 2018	46b-134	
Sec. 28	July 1, 2018	46b-140	
Sec. 29	July 1, 2018	46b-140a	
Sec. 30	July 1, 2018	46b-141d	
Sec. 31	July 1, 2018	4b-3(d)	
Sec. 32	July 1, 2018	46b-145	
Sec. 33	July 1, 2018	17a-7	
Sec. 34	July 1, 2018	17a-10(d)	

Sec. 35	July 1, 2018	17a-28(g)
Sec. 36	July 1, 2018	52-261a(e)
Sec. 37	July 1, 2018	53a-171
Sec. 38	July 1, 2018	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Throughout the bill, conforming changes were made, Sections 22 and 33 were merged as new Section 21 and original Sections 21, 38 and 39 were deleted as those sections were repealed in Section 38 of the bill.

JUD Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various modifications concerning the transfer of juvenile services from the Department of Children and Families to the Judicial Department, as implemented in PA 17-2 JSS, and does not result in new costs.

PA 17-2 JSS allowed the Judicial Department to establish secure and staff-secure residential facilities. These placements are necessary due to closure of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. The total cost for such facilities is dependent on how many facilities will be needed and the number of beds at each facility, but it is estimated that each facility will result in a cost of approximately \$2.5 million annually and that Judicial will need at least two facilities (separate facilities for boys and girls).

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis sHB 5041

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF JUVENILE SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

SUMMARY

Starting on July 1, 2018, this bill transfers legal authority from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to the judicial branch over any child who was committed to DCF as a delinquent pursuant to a juvenile court order entered before that date. The branch's Court Support Services Division (CSSD) must, in turn, assume responsibility for supervising the children and may exercise its powers, duties, and functions to provide such supervision.

Under existing law, the juvenile court is prohibited, starting July 1, 2018, from committing a child to DCF as a result of a delinquency adjudication. Existing law also (1) establishes a one-year transition period, from July 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019, during which the judicial branch may place a child convicted as delinquent in a DCF-operated congregate care setting or order the child to receive community-based DCF services and (2) requires the agencies to enter into an agreement that (a) allows the judicial branch to use these settings and services and (b) requires it to pay DCF for their use (PA 17-2 June Special Session (JSS) (§§ 321 & 323)).

The bill also makes numerous other changes to the juvenile justice statutes. Principally, it:

1. deems any child transferred from DCF to CSSD under the bill to be on probation for a period no longer than his or her remaining delinquency commitment to DCF as of June 30, 2018, and

requires the court to review and, if appropriate, modify the probation conditions (§§ 1 & 29);

- 2. limits and modifies the ways that a juvenile court may dispose of a delinquency adjudication and adds to the factors the court must consider when making a disposition (§ 28);
- 3. modifies the probation conditions the court may order, allows a juvenile probation supervisor's designee to establish the term of nonjudicial supervision for a juvenile for whom the court entered a nonjudicial disposition, and makes various other changes to laws related to juvenile probation (§§ 17, 19, 23, 24, 28-30);
- 4. makes changes to several definitions in the juvenile matters laws and adds several new ones (§§ 8 & 17);
- 5. eliminates provisions that permit the DCF commissioner, in certain circumstances, to transfer a child committed to the department to the John R. Manson Youth Institution or York Correctional Institution, as appropriate (§§ 13 & 38);
- 6. eliminates a provision that (a) explicitly allows a judge hearing a juvenile matter to make any order in connection to it that a Superior Court judge is authorized to grant and (b) gives such an order the same force and effect as a Superior Court order (§ 19);
- 7. modifies various juvenile justice system goals (§ 20);
- 8. permits the judicial branch to contract to establish secure residential facilities and requires it to develop a continuum of community-based programs (§ 21);
- 9. permits, instead of requires, the branch to consult with the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System to address the needs of minorities in the juvenile justice system (§ 21);

10. limits the circumstances in which DCF employees may have access to juvenile court records and adds to the records of delinquency proceedings that must be disclosed to the DMV commissioner (§ 22);

- 11. designates the chief court administrator or his designee, instead of the DCF commissioner or her designee, as administrator of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) (The compact enables states to transfer a juvenile's supervision between states and return a runaway juvenile to his or her home state)(§ 2);
- 12. eliminates as possible qualifications for members of the state Advisory Council on Children and Families that the member (a) represent young people, parents, and others interested in delivering juvenile justice services or (b) is a parent, foster parent, or family member of a child who has received or is receiving juvenile justice services (§ 10);
- 13. eliminates a requirement that a law enforcement officer who arrests a youth for prostitution report suspected abuse or neglect to DCF (§ 23);
- 14. makes numerous changes to conform with the transferred responsibility for children adjudicated delinquent from DCF to CSSD by eliminating references throughout the bill to (a) children committed to DCF for delinquency and (b) the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS), which was a DCF-run secure detention facility for juveniles that permanently closed in April 2018 (§§ 3-7, 9, 11, 12, 14-16 & 27); and
- 15. repeals several provisions pertaining to DCF responsibility for juveniles adjudicated delinquent, CJTS, and certain CSSD responsibilities (§ 38);
- 16. makes minor, technical, and conforming changes (§§ 18, 25, 26 & 31-37).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

§§ 1 & 29 — PROBATION FOR CHILDREN TRANSFERRED TO CSSD

Under the bill, any child transferred from DCF to CSSD commitment must be deemed to be on probation for a period no longer than his or her remaining commitment as of June 30, 2018. Any parole supervision condition in place on that date must become the interim conditions of the remaining probation supervision. The bill requires the juvenile court, by October 1, 2018, to conduct an in-court review for each such child to determine whether those interim conditions must continue or be modified for the remainder of the probation supervision period. The court must notify any identified victim of the time and date of the review.

Following the review, the court may (1) order that the interim conditions remain in effect without modification until the end of the supervision period or (2) modify the conditions for good cause shown. No probation period for a child transferred from DCF to CSSD under the bill may extend beyond the remaining commitment period as of June 30, 2018, or 30 months total, whichever is shorter (see "Probation Supervision" below).

§§ 17 & 28 — DELINQUENCY DISPOSITIONS

The bill makes various changes to the law regarding disposition of juvenile delinquency adjudications.

Factors the Court Must Consider

The bill adds the following factors to those the court must consider when determining the appropriate disposition for a child adjudicated as delinquent:

- 1. age and intellectual, cognitive, and emotional development;
- 2. prior involvement with (a) juvenile probation or (b) DCF as a committed delinquent;
- 3. history of participating in, and engaging with, programming and service interventions;

4. identified services, programs, and interventions that will best address the child's needs and risk of reoffending, as indicated by the CSSD-administered risk and needs assessment; and

5. level of supervision the assessment indicates and any other relevant evidence.

Under the bill, a "risk and needs assessment" is a standardized tool that assists juvenile probation officers in collecting and synthesizing information about a child to estimate the child's risk of recidivating and identify other factors that, if treated and changed, can reduce the child's likelihood of reoffending and provides a guide for intervention planning.

The bill also eliminates from the factors the court must consider the child's culpability in committing the offense including his or her level of participation in planning and carrying out the offense.

Disposition

The bill eliminates several of the ways that the court may dispose of a delinquency case when a child is adjudicated delinquent. Currently, the court may:

- 1. order the child to participate in an alternative incarceration program, a program at DCF's wilderness school, or a youth service bureau program;
- 2. withhold or suspend execution of any judgment; or
- 3. for minors convicted of possessing alcohol, impose a fine of between \$200 and \$500 for a second or subsequent offense (the first offense is an infraction with no specified fine).

The bill eliminates these options and instead permits the court to discharge the child from the court's jurisdiction with or without a warning. It also allows the court to place a child on probation supervision with or without residential placement for up to 18 months, which may be extended to up to 30 months total. Current law permits

the court to sentence a child to probation and extend the probation as deemed appropriate with no maximum length specified.

The bill also eliminates provisions that allow the court to commit a child to DCF if (1) following a delinquency adjudication, it finds that the probation services or other services available to it are not adequate for the child or (2) a child that comes under juvenile court jurisdiction is found to be mentally ill. It also eliminates a provision that authorizes a child adjudicated delinquent or judged to be from a family with service needs to be employed part-time or full-time at a useful occupation as a condition of probation or supervision in certain circumstances.

Additionally, it eliminates an obsolete provision that allows the court to commit a child it convicts as delinquent and finds to be "mentally deficient" to an institution for "mentally deficient" children and youths.

§§ 17, 19, 23, 24 & 28-30 — PROBATION SUPERVISION

Under the bill, a person age 18 or older who is on probation supervision with or without residential placement falls under the juvenile court's continuing jurisdiction. Anyone on juvenile probation supervision may be subject to other reasonable court-ordered restrictions or conditions and required to participate in a variety of appropriate programmatic services. The bill replaces references to "probation" throughout the juvenile matters statutes with "probation supervision."

Currently, a child may be adjudicated for, among other things, violating conditions of probation. The bill specifies that a child may be adjudicated delinquent for violating conditions of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential placement and, as a corollary, that such actions constitute delinquent acts.

Definitions Related to Probation Supervision (§ 17)

The bill defines:

1. "probation supervision" as a legal status under which a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent is placed by court order under juvenile probation supervision for a specified period of time and on terms the court determines;

- 2. "probation supervision with residential placement" as probation supervision that includes a period of placement in a secure or staff-secure residential treatment facility, as ordered by the court, and a period of community supervision;
- 3. "secure residential facility" as a hardware-secured residential facility that includes direct staff supervision, surveillance enhancements, and physical barriers that allow for close supervision and controlled movement in a treatment setting; and
- 4. "staff-secure residential facility" is a residential facility that provides residential treatment for children in a structured setting where staff monitor the children.

Probation Supervision Conditions (§ 28)

As under current law when ordering conditions of probation, the bill allows the court, when setting conditions or probation supervision with or without residential placement to order that the child:

- 1. reside with a parent, relative, or guardian, or in a suitable courtapproved residence;
- 2. attend school and class on a regular basis and comply with school conduct and discipline policies;
- 3. refrain from violating any laws or ordinances;
- 4. undergo any medical or psychiatric evaluation the court deems necessary;
- 5. submit to random drug or alcohol testing, or both;
- 6. participate in a community service program; and

7. satisfy any other conditions the court deems appropriate.

The bill eliminates as a condition participating in an alternative incarceration program or other program CSSD establishes. Instead, the bill specifies that the court may order, as a condition of probation supervision with or without residential placement, that the child (1) participate in a youth service bureau program; (2) obtain technical or vocational training, or both; (3) make a good faith effort to obtain and maintain employment; or (4) be placed in an appropriate residential facility. The bill also allows the court to require the child or his or her parents or guardian or both to make restitution to the victim of the offense. Currently, the law permits the court to order the child to make such restitution. As allowed currently for probation, the bill also allows the court to order where the child must live, drug or alcohol treatment or testing, and school attendance, among other things.

Under the bill, at any time during the probation supervision with or without residential placement, the court may modify or enlarge the probation conditions for good cause shown. The bill also caps the length of time the court may extend the probation period by up to 12 months for a total supervision period of 30 months. Current law allows the court to extend the probation as deemed appropriate with no maximum length specified. As under current law, the court must have a copy of the order delivered to the child and his or her parent or guardian and probation officer.

Juvenile Probation Officer Responsibilities (§ 23)

Current law requires juvenile probation officers to investigate and report as the court directs or the law requires. In addition to investigating and reporting, the bill requires juvenile officers to make recommendations to the court, including pre-dispositional studies. Under the bill, the officers must provide supervision and make referrals to pre- and post-adjudication services based on the juvenile's risks and needs, as determined by the risk and needs assessment. The officers must work collaboratively with treatment providers to ensure programs and services are adequately addressing the needs of

juveniles they supervise.

The bill requires the officers to keep records of all cases they investigate or that come under their care, instead of requiring them to preserve a record of all such cases.

Case Review Team Meeting (§ 28)

Under the bill, the court may authorize the child's probation officer, at any time during the probation supervision period, to convene a case review team meeting with the child and his or her attorney on any case (1) being considered for residential placement or (2) that is complex and could benefit from a multi-systemic approach. The probation officer and supervisor must facilitate the meeting, which must also include the child's family, the state's attorney, school officials, treatment providers, and state agency representatives, as deemed appropriate. Any recommendations to modify the probation supervision conditions, including residential placement, must be presented to the court for consideration and approval.

Probation Supervision with Residential Placement (§§ 17 & 28)

Under the bill, a child may only be placed on probation supervision with residential placement in a secure or staff-secure facility if CSSD has completed a current pre-dispositional study that the court has reviewed and the (1) placement is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs or (2) level of risk the child poses to public safety cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting. The court must consider all relevant reports, evaluations, and studies offered or admitted as evidence and his or her length of stay in a residential facility must be dependent on the child making treatment progress and attaining treatment goals.

Under the bill, a "pre-dispositional study" is a comprehensive written report prepared by a juvenile probation officer regarding the child's social, medical, mental health, educational, risks and needs, and family history, as well as the event surrounding the offense to present a supported recommendation to the court;

Probation Status Review Hearing (§ 29)

The bill also permits the court, at any time during the probation supervision period, to convene a probation status review hearing. The officer may file an ex parte request for a probation status review hearing with the court clerk, regardless of whether a new offense or violation has been filed. The court may grant the request and convene a probation status review hearing within seven days if it finds that it is in the child's or the public's best interest. The officer must inform the child and parent or guardian of the scheduled court date and time. The child must be represented by counsel at the hearing.

Under the bill, if the child or his or her parents or guardian do not appear at the hearing, absent actual or in-hand service of the notice, the failure cannot be deemed willful. Instead, the court may continue the hearing to a future date and order the child and his or her parents or guardian to be served notice to appear in court. By agreement of the parties or when the evidentiary hearing concludes, the court may modify or enlarge the probation conditions and, if appropriate, order the child placed in a secure or staff-secure residential facility. But no such placement may be ordered unless (1) it is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs or (2) the level of risk the child poses to the public cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting.

Violation of Probation (§§ 23 & 29)

The bill allows the court, at any time during the probation supervision period, to (1) issue a warrant to arrest the child for violating the probation conditions or (2) issue a notice to appear to answer the charges of alleged violation. Current law permits the court to take such actions if a child allegedly violates the conditions of probation or suspended commitment.

The bill eliminates provisions that allow the court to continue or revoke a suspended commitment and, if the probation or suspended commitment to DCF is revoked, require the child to serve the commitment imposed or impose a lesser commitment. It allows the court to continue or revoke an order of probation supervision or

modify or enlarge the supervision conditions when a child allegedly violates a condition of probation supervision, as it may currently continue or revoke probation or modify or enlarge probation conditions when a child violates probation.

The bill also eliminates a requirement that CSSD notify the local law enforcement agency when the court determines that a child or youth violated probation by failing to comply with electronic monitoring requirements.

The bill also eliminates provisions that permit investigators authorized by the chief state's attorney's office to arrest any juvenile on probation without a warrant if the juvenile violated the conditions of his or her probation. The law, unchanged by the bill, permits juvenile probation officers to make such arrests or deputize another officer with arrest powers to do so.

Reduction of Probation Sentence (§ 30)

Additionally, the bill permits a child sentenced to a period of probation supervision with or without residential placement to earn a reduction of the probation period equal to the number of days that the child spent in a detention center or lockup prior to adjudication. Current law permits such a reduction for a child placed on probation.

§§ 8 & 17 — DEFINITIONS

The bill eliminates the definition of a serious juvenile repeat offender, which is currently defined as a child charged with committing a felony if the child has previously been adjudicated delinquent or convicted of a felony at least twice previously. It also eliminates obsolete definitions for "youth" and "mentally deficient" in the juvenile matters statutes, but preserves the definition of "youth" (i.e., a 16- or 17-year-old) in the DCF statutes.

§§ 13 & 38 — TRANSFER OF DCF-COMMITTED CHILDREN TO DOC CUSTODY

Currently, when, in the opinion of the DCF commissioner or her designee, a person committed to the department who is age 14 or older

is dangerous to himself or herself or others or cannot be safely held at CJTS or any other facility in the state available to DCF, the department may request an immediate juvenile court hearing to determine if the person should be transferred to Manson Youth Institution (if male) or York Correctional Institution (if female). The bill eliminates (1) DCF's authority to request such a transfer and (2) the court's authority to grant the request. The bill also repeals a provision that generally designates children transferred to these facilities from DCF custody to be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections (DOC), which runs the facilities.

§ 20 — JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM GOALS

The bill requires the juvenile justice system to promote prevention efforts by supporting programs and services designed to prevent reoffending, instead of by supporting programs and services designed to meet the needs of juveniles charged with delinquency. It also makes various revisions to the goals of the juvenile justice system. Principally, it requires the goals to include:

- 1. basing probation case planning on individual risks and needs, instead of basing probation treatment planning on individual case management plans as under current law;
- 2. providing community-based, instead of nonresidential postrelease, services to juveniles returned to their families or communities; and
- 3. creating and maintaining developmentally appropriate, traumainformed, gender-responsive programs for juveniles that incorporate restorative principles and practices, instead of creating and maintaining programs for juvenile offenders that are gender specific (i.e., comprehensively address the unique needs of a targeted gender group) as required under current law.

Currently, another goal of the system must be to promote the development and implementation of community-based programs, including mental health services, designed to prevent unlawful

behavior. The bill (1) eliminates the requirement that the services include mental health services and (2) requires the services to be designed to prevent reoffending instead of unlawful behavior.

§ 21 — JUDICIAL BRANCH RESPONSIBILITIES

The bill permits the judicial branch to contract to establish secure residential facilities and requires it to develop a continuum of community-based programs. Existing law requires the judicial branch to expand its contracted juvenile justice services to include a comprehensive system of graduated responses with an array of services, sanctions, and secure placements available for the court, juvenile probation officers, and other CSSD staff (PA 17-2, JSS (§ 322)).

Contracting to Establish Secure Residential Facilities

Current law permits the judicial branch to contract to establish regional secure residential and regional highly supervised residential dental facilities for court-referred juveniles. Under the bill, the judicial branch may instead contract to establish secure and staff-secure residential facilities for court-referred juveniles. As under current law, the (1) facilities must be exempt from DCF licensing requirements and (2) as part of a publicly bid contract, the branch may include a requirement that the contractor provide the space necessary for juvenile probation officers and other CSSD staff to perform their duties.

Continuum of Community-Based Programs

The bill eliminates a requirement that the judicial branch develop constructive programs for the prevention and reduction of delinquency and crime among juvenile offenders. Instead, it requires the branch to develop a continuum of community-based programs for reducing juvenile delinquency. When appropriate, the judicial branch must coordinate the programs with DCF; the State Department of Education; the departments of Social Services, Developmental Services, and Mental Health and Addiction Services; and any other agencies necessary.

The continuum must be:

1. designed to address the individual risks and needs of juveniles;

- 2. able to take into account the juvenile's history, age, maturity and social development, gender, mental health, alcohol or drug use, need for structured supervision, and other characteristics; and
- 3. culturally appropriate, trauma-informed, and provided in the least restrictive environment possible in a manner consistent with public safety.

The branch must develop programs that provide research and evidence-based skills training and assistance to promote independent living skills, positive activities, and social connections in the juveniles' home communities. The programs must also address:

- 1. anti-sociality, impulse control, and behavioral problems;
- 2. anger management and nonviolent conflict resolution;
- 3. alcohol and drug use and dependency;
- 4. mental health needs;
- 5. inappropriate sexual behavior;
- 6. family engagement;
- 7. academic disengagement; and
- 8. technical and vocational training needs.

§ 22 — DISCLOSURE OF JUVENILE MATTERS RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Current law permits DCF employees to access records of juvenile delinquency proceedings. The bill limits this access by only allowing it if (1) the child who is the subject of the records is committed to the department and (2) the court orders the department to provide services to the child. In such circumstances, the bill specifically allows

DCF employees to access information that identifies the child as the subject of the delinquency petition, in addition to the delinquency proceeding records.

The bill also permits law enforcement officials to disclose information concerning a child who escaped from, or failed to return from, an authorized leave from court placement at a detention center or a secure or staff-secure residential treatment facility in which the court placed him or her. Current law permits these officials to disclose information for a child who has escaped from a detention center or from a facility to which the court committed him or her. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, also permits law enforcement to disclose information about children who allegedly committed a felony and for whom an arrest warrant has been issued.

The bill also adds the following motor vehicle offenses to those for which records of delinquency proceedings must be disclosed to the DMV:

- 1. driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol (DUI)(CGS § 14-227a);
- 2. DUI while under age 21 with a blood alcohol content above .02% (CGS § 14-227g);
- 3. using, possessing with intent to use, delivering, possessing with intent to deliver, or manufacturing with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia with less than one-half ounce of marijuana (CGS § 21a-267(d)); or
- 4. possessing less than one-half ounce of marijuana (CGS § 21a-279a).

§ 42 — REPEALERS

The bill repeals provisions that:

1. grant equal privileges to clergy of all religious denominations to provide religious instruction to inmates at CJTS and each

- chartered or incorporated institution to which any child may be committed by the court (CGS § 17a-201b);
- 2. delineate the current duties and responsibilities of the judicial branch to provide programs and services to the juvenile justice system (CGS § 46b-121i);
- 3. require CSSD to design and make available to the judicial branch programs and probation treatment services for juvenile offenders (CGS § 46b-121j);
- 4. require CSSD to fund projects for a program of early intervention initiatives designed for juvenile offenders (CGS § 46b-121l);
- 5. require DCF to establish or designate one or more secure facilities in the state devoted to caring for and treating children under Superior Court jurisdiction (CGS § 46b-126);
- 6. allow prosecutors to request that certain juvenile proceedings be designated as serious sexual offender or serious juvenile repeat offender prosecutions and establish special proceedings for such prosecutions (CGS §§ 46b-133c & -133d);
- 7. impose limits on the length of time for which a child may be committed to DCF as a result of a delinquency adjudication and requires DCF to fulfill certain reporting requirements to the court for each such child committed to its care (CGS § 46b-141);
- 8. allow the court to order an assessment for placement in an alternative incarceration program in lieu of commitment to DCF or juvenile detention center (CGS § 46b-141a); and
- 9. require CSSD to develop a probation treatment plan for each child referred to the division (CGS § 46b-141b).

It also repeals provisions that are generally obsolete, mainly due to the transfer of juvenile services from DCF to CSSD, including

provisions that:

1. require the CJTS superintendent to notify the appropriate registrar of vital statistics when a child dies at the facility (CGS § 7-63);

- 2. delineate DCF's responsibilities regarding CJTS (CGS § 17a-6b);
- 3. establish the CJTS advisory group (CGS § 17a-6b);
- 4. require DCF to (a) annually report to the legislature on the number of children committed to the department for delinquency and (b) establish standard leave and release policies for such children (CGS §§ 17a-6c, -7a);
- 5. permit DCF to place a child committed to the department for delinquency on parole if it is in the child's best interest (CGS § 17a-7);
- 6. impose limits on the length of time a child adjudicated delinquent may be committed to DCF and allow the commissioner to place such a child over age 14 on vocational parole if it appears that the child cannot benefit from continued school attendance (CGS § 17a-8);
- 7. require DCF to pay for the support and maintenance of any delinquent child resident in any of the department's institutions or facilities and allow DCF to authorize medical treatment to ensure the child's good health or life (CGS § 17a-10);
- 8. generally designate a person committed to DCF who is transferred to Manson Youth Institution to be under DCF custody (as noted above, the bill also eliminates DCF's authority to authorize such a transfer (CGS § 17a-13);
- 9. reference the CJTS construction project (CGS §§ 17a-27b, -27d);
- 10. allow DCF to establish a two-year Raise the Grade pilot program ending by July 1, 2015 (CGS § 17a-64);

11. enumerate DCF's duties regarding CJTS (CGS § 17-3a); and

12. allow the DCF commissioner to authorize leave for children committed to the department for delinquency (CGS § 17-8a).

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 5562, reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee, contains similar provisions related to probation supervision with or without residential placement, juvenile delinquency dispositions, juvenile justice system goals, records disclosures, and judicial branch responsibilities.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 36 Nay 4 (04/04/2018)